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Docket No. 50-397

Mr. R. H. Engelken, Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region V
1450 Maria Lane, Suite 210
Walnut Creek, California

Dear Mr. Engelken:

Subject: NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2
IE BULLETIN NO. 77-07

Reference:

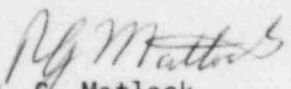
- a) Letter G02-78-20, D.L. Renberger (SS) to R.H. Engelken (NRC), Same Subject, dated January 18, 1978
- b) Letter G02-78-167, D.L. Renberger (SS) to R.H. Engelken (NRC), Same Subject, dated June 29, 1978
- c) US NRC Operating Experience Bulletin Information Report, "Problems With Containment Low Voltage Control Penetration Assemblies", dated June 30, 1978

Reference (a) responded to IE Bulletin No. 77-07 and indicated that WNP-2 intended to maintain continuous dry nitrogen positive internal pressure on our Westinghouse containment electrical penetrations. Reference (b) clarified that the positive nitrogen pressure was to be maintained after plant startup. Reference (c) and other industry operating experience since that time have shown continuous nitrogen pressurization to have no particular benefit.

Based on this experience, we are deferring indefinitely plans to install a continuous nitrogen supply system to the containment electrical penetrations. Existing pressure gauges and connections will be utilized to perform Type B containment leak tests, but will not be continuously pressurized.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. R. M. Nelson, Manager, WNP-2 Licensing.

Very truly yours,


R. G. Matlock
Program Director, WNP-2

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