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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: NUCLEAR PROJECT 3
RESPONSES TO NRC QUESTIONS ON PIPE CLAMPS

- References:
- a) Letter F. J. Miraglia to
R. L. Ferguson, dated 06/25/82.
 - b) Letter #G03-82-760, G. D. Bouchey to
F. J. Miraglia, dated 07/30/82.
 - c) Letter #G03-82-924 G. D. Bouchey to
G. W. Knighton dated 09/14/82.
 - d) Letter G03-82-1135 G. D. Bouchey to
G. W. Knighton, dated 11/11/82.
 - e) Letter E03-83-155 G. D. Bouchey to
G. W. Knighton, dated 02/25/83.
 - f) Letter G. W. Knighton to R. L. Ferguson
dated 04/04/83.

Reference a) transmitted a set of thirteen questions regarding the useage of
ITT Grinnell pipe clamps to WNP-3. Responses to those questions were in-
cluded in reference b).

Reference c) transmitted at set of seven additional questions resulting from
the NRC staff review of references b) through e) regarding this subject.

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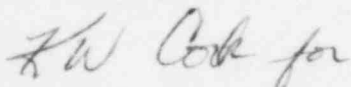
This is to advise you that our response to reference c) must be delayed as follows:

- 1) We expect to provide satisfactory responses to most or all questions, with the exception of 16(a), on or before June 1, 1983.
- 2) As you may be aware, the test program being conducted in Providence indicated clamp induced pipe stresses which do not provide a satisfactory margin. Therefore, minor clamp modifications and a retesting program must be undertaken. It is expected that these will be completed, and a response for Question 16(a) will be available by June 15, 1983.

This is in accordance with reference e) which committed to submittal of the test results in June 1983.

In order to insure closure of this issue as early as possible, it is suggested that a meeting between our representatives and the NRC staff reviewers be scheduled when the data resulting from the above test is available. Should you have any questions or desire further clarification, the Supply System point of contact for this matter is Mr. K. W. Cook, Licensing Project Manager (206/482-4428, ext. 5436).

Sincerely,



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