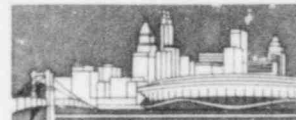


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Docket No. 50-358

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
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Attention: Mr. J.G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

Gentlemen:

RE: WM. H. ZIMMER NUCLEAR POWER STATION - UNIT 1
10CFR50.55(e), ITEM M-29, LACK OF WELD PROCEDURE
QUALIFICATION, AND ITEM M-73, POSSIBLY
ALTERED WELDING PROCEDURES
W.O. 57300, JOB E-5590, FILE NO. 956C, M-29/M-73

This letter constitutes an interim report for the subject conditions initially reported to the Commission on November 3, 1981 (M-29) and December 17, 1982 (M-73) under the requirements of 10CFR50.55(e).

Item M-29 concerning the qualification of Henry J. Kaiser (HJK) welding procedures has been expanded to include the concerns identified in our previous interim report for Item M-73, LOZ-83-0004, dated March 29, 1983. An additional item has also been identified concerning the lack of documented evidence as to which HJK welding procedures were in effect and used for construction during any specific time frame. In some cases, the original welding procedure is no longer available. In other cases, multiple changes to the same original weld procedure resulted in different procedures, each having the same unique procedure and revision number.

All of these welding procedure concerns are being addressed by a Joint Weld Procedure Review Team as outlined in our previous Item M-29 report, QA-2248, dated February 7, 1983. CG&E procedure OPP-9.2, "Review of Historical HJK Welding Procedures", has been developed and approved to provide the necessary controls on the review program.

Phase I, "Problem Identification", of the OPP-9.2 review program is in process and the HJK Weld Engineering and Quality Engineering departments have completed identifying specific concerns on sixteen HJK Weld Procedure Specifications.

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Simultaneously, the CG&E Quality Confirmation Program has completed its review of thirteen weld procedures and submitted Condition Evaluation Requests for review.

The CG&E Quality Assurance Department is reviewing the concerns submitted by each of the above groups, correlating this information, and transmitting the weld procedure packages to the CG&E Nuclear Engineering Department for the detailed Phase II, "Technical Review," of OPP-9.2.

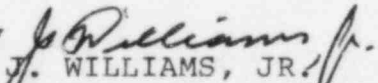
To aid in the weld procedure review program, a computer data base is being developed to correlate those welding procedures and welders used during construction. This data base will also identify whether or not these welders had maintained their qualifications as required by the applicable codes and standards.

A follow-up report, providing the status of the weld procedure review program and an estimated completion date, will be submitted by August 15, 1983.

We trust the above will be found acceptable as an interim report under 10CFR50.55(e).

Very truly yours,

THE CINCINNATI GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

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