



**Commonwealth Edison**  
One First National Plaza, Chicago, Illinois  
Address Reply to: Post Office Box 767  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

May 21, 1979

Mr. Olan D. Parr, Chief  
Light Water Reactors - Branch 3  
Division of Project Management  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: ASME Code Case on Hydrostatic  
Testing of Open End Piping  
(Section III, Div. 1 Construction)  
LaSalle County Station Units 1 and 2  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

Dear Mr. Parr:

This is to inform you of the intent on the part of Commonwealth Edison to make use of ASME Code Case N-240 approved March 19, 1979 to exempt certain piping subject to the requirements of the ASME Code from hydrostatic testing. The intended applications of this Code Case for LaSalle County Station are delineated in the attachment to this letter. Also included as an attachment is a copy of Code Case N-240.

This Code Case was reviewed and accepted without comment by the NRC representatives to the ASME Council (Mr. R. J. Bosnak and G. A. Arlotto) and it is hoped will be acknowledged by the Staff as acceptable for immediate use. Please advise us as soon as possible if you have any questions on this case or its intended applications.

Should any questions exist, we request that a meeting be scheduled immediately so that we may address and resolve your concerns. It is our hope that you will review this issue as soon as possible so that the LaSalle County review schedule is not adversely affected.

7905300020

A

Mr. Olan D. Parr:

- 2 -

May 21, 1979

One (1) signed original and thirty-nine (39) copies  
of this letter and attachments are enclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

*M. J. Naughton*

*for* L. O. DelGeorge  
Nuclear Licensing Administrator  
LaSalle County Station

cc: C. Reed  
A. Bournia

ATTACHMENT

Code Case N-240 is to be applied to the following systems:

DG & HP	Diesel engine exhaust lines to atmosphere
RH, DG, HP, FC	Suction and discharge from the CSCS cooling pond
OG, VG	Discharge lines from the off-gas and stand-by-gas treatment systems to the vent stack
FC	Various spargers, drain lines, and vents going into and from spent fuel pool, reactor well, transfer canal, and shipping cask wash down area.

This piping has been designed and installed to ASME Section III Code. Each line is either up or down stream of an isolation valve and an open-ended line that is very difficult if not impossible to meet all hydrostatic test requirements of the Section III Code.