

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37401
400 Chestnut Street Tower II

February 24, 1983

BLRD-50-438/83-16

BLRD-50-439/83-12

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
Attn: Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator
101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

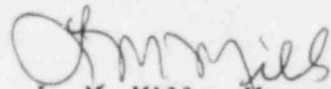
BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - SNUBBER INTERFERENCE FROM REAR
BRACKETS BY ITT GRINNELL - BLRD-50-438/83-16, BLRD-50-439/83-12 - FIRST
INTERIM REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector
P. E. Fredrickson on January 26, 1983 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e) as
NCR BLN BLP 8304. Enclosed is our first interim report. We expect to
submit our next report by July 22, 1983. We consider 10 CFR Part 21 to be
applicable to this deficiency.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with R. H. Shell at
FTS 858-2688.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY


L. M. Mills, Manager
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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Richard C. DeYoung, Director (Enclosure)
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ENCLOSURE

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10 CFR 50.55(e)
FIRST INTERIM REPORT

Description of Deficiency

TVA purchased welded rear brackets from ITT Grinnell, Providence, Rhode Island for use in seismic category I piping systems snubber assemblies at Bellefonte. Welded rear brackets on ITT Grinnell figure 306 and 307 snubbers produced and shipped before April 1980 may produce an interference with the snubber restricting the pivot movement to less than the ± 5 degrees listed in ITT Grinnell's load capacity data sheets.

Interim Progress

TVA will perform a review to determine if any snubbers with welded rear brackets are deficient. TVA is working with the vendor, ITT Grinnell, in determining procedures for corrective action to be taken if deficiencies exist.