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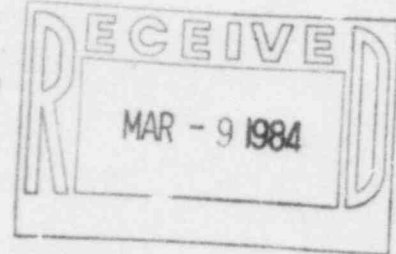
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ATTENTION: Mr. Uldis Potapovs  
Chief Vendor Program Branch

SUBJECT: Beaver Valley Power Station - Unit No. 2  
Docket No. 50-412  
Rockbestos Company Cable for Use at Beaver Valley  
Unit 2

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to your January 23, 1984 letter to our Mr. E. F. Kurtz, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, which referenced a January 12, 1984, telephone conversation between Mr. V. Thomas of the NRC staff and Mr. W. Provencher of Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation (SWEC).

Your statement in the January 23 letter that "cable procured from the Rockbestos Company for Beaver Valley Unit 2 was required only to comply with ICEA Standard Test Values" is incorrect in its scope.

The January 12, 1984 telephone conversation between Mr. Provencher and Mr. Thomas specifically concerned Purchase Order No. 2BV-816A for 600 Volt Shielded Control Cable and the Accelerated Water Absorption Test, Electrical Method (EM-60) as described in ICEA S-66-524, Section 6.6.2. Per the specification for 2BV-816A, the vendor was only required to meet or exceed the ICEA requirements for the EM-60 test. Specifically, this includes a stability factor after 14 days of 1.0 (maximum). The vendor, however, guaranteed a stability factor after 14 days of 0.5 in his bid proposal. Some cables on the 2BV-816A order were found to have a stability factor after 14 days of 0.6. SWEC reviewed this deviation from the vendor's guarantee at the time it was discovered and concluded that a value of 0.6 for the stability factor after 14 days was satisfactory since it met the ICEA value of 1.0

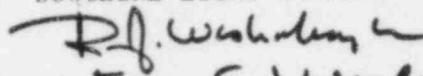
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or less as originally required in the purchase specification.  
Rockbestos, at that time, also stated in writing that they  
believed this cable was fully suitable for safety related  
use.

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