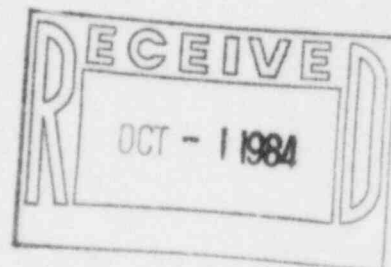


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September 25, 1984
ST-HL-AE-1131
File Number: G12.204

Mr. John T. Collins
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Dear Mr. Collins:

South Texas Project
Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Supplement to the Final Report Concerning
Snubber Assembly Rear Brackets

On July 6, 1984, pursuant to 10CFR50.55(e), Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), notified your office of an item concerning rear brackets for snubbers supplied by Nuclear Power Services, Inc. (NPSI). By letter dated August 3, 1984 (reference ST-HL-AE-1118), HL&P submitted the final 10CFR50.55(e) report which identified that a forged rear bracket rather than a machined rear bracket was supplied by NPSI. The forged rear bracket is not an acceptable substitute due to interferences which will occur in angular applications of the snubber. The potential exists that snubbers which move into the area of interference may be rendered inoperable due to damage or binding at the snubber rear bracket thus preventing the snubber from performing its intended function.

Subsequent to the submittal of our final report, HL&P completed an evaluation of this issue as required by 10CFR21. We have determined that this item would have been reportable pursuant to 10CFR21 had it not been previously reported under 10CFR50.55(e). As illustrated by the enclosed correspondence from NPSI to Bechtel, our position is contrary to that of NPSI. The NRC Region IV (Jons Jaudon) was verbally notified by our Mr. M. E. Powell of this item on September 5, 1984. We do not know what other facilities may be affected. Other pertinent information required by 10CFR21 is contained in our 10CFR50.55(e) report.

If you should have any questions concerning this item, please contact Mr. Michael E. Powell at (713) 993-1328.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment: Letter ST-NI-Y-0580 from NPSI to Bechtel

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Reference: STP P.O. 35-1197-6017 ASME III and ANSI B31.1 Pipe Supports
Bechtel Job Number 14926-001

Subject: NPSI Response to Bechtel Letter ST-YB-NI-0318, dated August 7, 1984

Attention: Mr. R. L. Rogers - Project Engineering Manager

Attached, please find NPSI internal memo NJ-01-4394, dated August 17, 1984, which addresses Bechtel's concern regarding version "B" rear brackets with snubber assemblies, transmitted via Bechtel letter ST-YB-NI-0315, dated July 23, 1984.

This memo should further explain NPSI's position regarding evaluation and reportability in regards to 10CFR21 requirements.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the writer at Ext. 3666.

Very truly yours,

NPS INDUSTRIES, INC.

Richard C. Moreau
STP Project Manager

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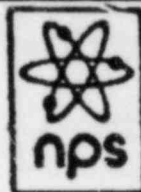
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Inter-office memo

To: R. Moreau

WJ-01-4394



Date
8/15/84

Subject

FORGED vs MACHINED BRACKETS

From

Leo Novi

My previous memo of July 18, 1984, intended to explain our reporting position on these brackets, is stated by Bechtel to be "not adequate".

This memo is to state in detail our position and the basis for that position.

NPSI's responsibilities and activities as regards 10CFR21 requirements are established in our Procedure NPSI/MRC-01. This procedure covers in detail the steps to be taken from the identification of a deviation, evaluating and reporting as a deviation, or evaluating and reporting as a defect.

For a condition to be evaluated under this procedure, it must be first determined to be a deviation. Guidance for this is included in Exhibit IV of our Procedure. If there is no deviation, there is no action under our Procedure to evaluate the condition for reportability. In this instance, a determination was made that a deviation as defined in Part 21 and in our Procedure does not exist. It is therefore not reportable by NPSI and does not warrant a formal evaluation by NPSI as to its reportability.

You may forward this memo to Bechtel in response to their ST-YB-WI-0318.

Leo Novi

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cc: P. Galus
T. O'Connell

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