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SUBJECT: Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2
10 CFR 50.55(e) No. 84-04 Interim Report
Radiograph Film Density
NRC Docket Nos. 50-456/457

- References (a): E. D. Swartz letter to J. G. Keppler dated
April 6, 1984
- (b): E. D. Swartz letter to J. G. Keppler dated
August 16, 1984
- (c): D. H. Smith letter to J. G. Keppler dated
December 21, 1984

Dear Mr. Keppler:

References (a), (b) and (c) provided information concerning a deficiency reportable pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(e) regarding out of tolerance radiographic film densities at our Braidwood Station. The purpose of this letter is to provide an updated status of the corrective actions taken to resolve this issue. This letter is considered to be an Interim Report.

Status of Corrective Actions

Since the last Interim Report, Reference (c), corrective actions have continued on the balance of Phillips, Getschow production radiographs with identified concerns. To achieve full code compliance, these actions included repair and/or re-radiography as applicable. An additional 24 welds have been completed and four, partially completed.

The current status reflects 59 of the 104 complete and a balance of 45 still requiring attention. It should be noted that 18 of the remaining 45 welds will not be accessible for repair and/or re-radiography any sooner than January 2, 1986. These welds are associated with the Unit 2 Containment Spray System.

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Of the nine production radiographs which could not be located, five have been re-radiographed and are completed, one has been cut-out and no longer requires any action, with a balance of three remaining. Corrective action on these three is currently underway.

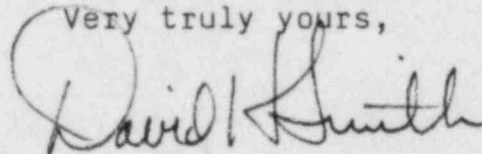
Regarding the welder qualifications of both Phillips, Getschow and Power Systems Inc., the procedures needed to address concerns are still being developed. As indicated in Reference (c), when these programs are developed, they will be described in a subsequent Interim Report.

Reference (c) addressed resolution and completion of G.K. Newberg and Universal Power Piping welder qualifications, so no further action is required.

A completion date for the above corrective actions depends on gaining access to the 18 Unit II Containment Spray welds previously mentioned. A status report will be submitted when significant additional progress is made which we expect by November 1, 1985.

Please address any questions that you or your staff may have concerning this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,



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