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Subject: Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2
10 CFR 50.55(e) 84-16 Interim Report
ASME Material Procurement Documentation
NRC Docket Nos. 50-456/457

References (a): D. H. Smith letter to J. G. Keppler dated
October 2, 1984.

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Reference (a) provided information concerning a potential deficiency reportable pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(e) regarding the adequacy of ASME Material Procurement Documentation at our Braidwood Station. This letter is provided to update the deficiency description and the status of corrective actions being taken to resolve this issue and is considered an Interim Report.

Description of Deficiency

A sample review of records of past site procured ASME material has indicated that the records do not always indicate that the material was supplied in accordance with the ASME Material Manufacturers and Material Suppliers Quality System Program requirements. Program statements or ASME Quality System Certificates are not always referenced on the documents received with the material.

The problem with the records was partially identified in 1981 but adequate measures were not established to control the materials and provide complete corrective action to the identified records. An initial review has indicated the following inadequacies which have contributed to the problem:

1. Quality requirements not included on site procurement records.
2. Inadequate documentation reviews during receipt inspections.
3. Inadequate corrective action for ASME material suppliers removed from CEC Co Approved Bidder List.

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4. Procurement of ASME material from vendors with only Safety-Related Approved Programs.

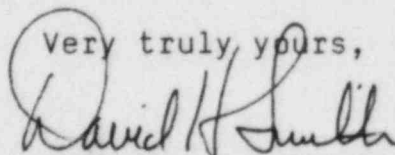
Corrective Action Taken

Based on initial reviews of the records, on-site procured ASME materials received prior to October 27, 1981 which were still in stock were put on hold. Project Procedure PFE-100-1 has been approved for the review of the on-site procured ASME material documentation. To date essentially all documentation for the materials received before October 27, 1981 has been reviewed. For the subject records, approximately 30% of the certifications require revised or additional documentation from the vendors. Additional corrective actions are required to bring approximately 5% of the certifications in compliance with the requirements of ASME Section III. The remaining certifications have been accepted or are awaiting minor corrective actions and/or clarifications to associated records. As the certifications are determined to be acceptable, the materials are released from hold. It is expected that the review of all records will be completed by January 15, 1985.

The reviews to date have indicated that a small percentage of the certifications do not support all the technical requirements of the material specifications. The extent and significance of this issue is being investigated.

An interim report will be submitted by February 1, 1985 following completion of the document reviews. Please address any questions that you or your staff may have concerning this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,



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Nuclear Licensing Administrator

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