

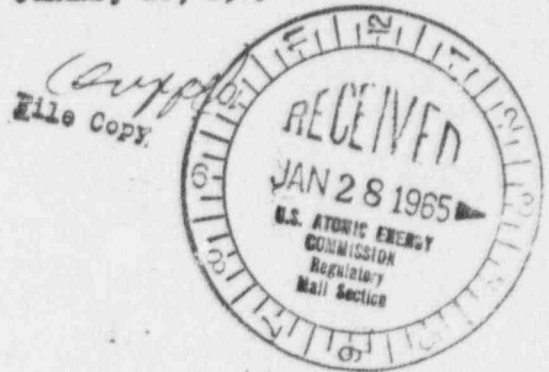


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January 26, 1965

JAMES H. CAMPBELL  
PRESIDENT

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Mr. Eber R. Price, Director  
Division of State and Licensee Relations  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Price:

Your letter of January 11, 1965 correctly notes that the first written report concerning broken reactor vessel thermal shield hold-down studs at the Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant was contained in our November 27, 1964 semiannual report of operations.

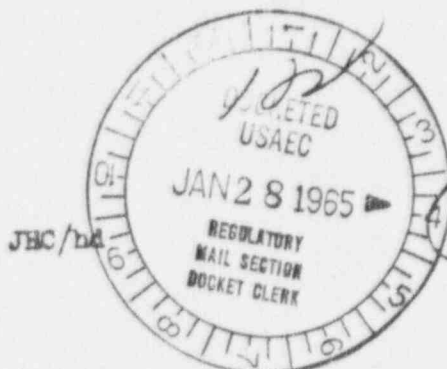
When the condition was discovered, the reactor had been in a shutdown state for almost four weeks and all of the fuel had been transferred to the spent fuel pool. This being the case it was believed that no "indication or occurrence of a possible unsafe condition relating to the operation of the facility" existed, and that an immediate written report under Paragraph 3.d.(1) of our license was therefore unnecessary.

Your inspector was in the plant the day following the discovery and was assured by our superintendent that the plant would not be started up before the necessary repairs had been performed. The AEC regulatory staff and the ACRS have been fully informed of the difficulty and the steps being taken to correct it. This correction is now well along toward completion.

Please be assured that our responsible supervisory personnel understand that a written report must be filed promptly whenever it has been determined that a possible unsafe condition relating to the operation of the facility exists, whether or not the condition has been fully evaluated.

Yours very truly,

*James H. Campbell*



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