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Dear Mr. Keppler:

The purpose of this letter is to summarize the results of our expanded re-walkdown program for IE Bulletin 79-14. The expanded re-walkdown and package review are now complete, and the conclusions of our original IEB 79-14 work, which verified seismic adequacy, have not changed.

We stated in the referenced letter that this program originally consisted of two activities: 1) an expanded re-walkdown and evaluation of all pipe supports covered by IEB 79-14, and 2) a detailed review of all the original IEB 79-14 walkdown packages to identify any anomalies. This scope was modified slightly to exclude two groups of small bore pipe supports. Supports for some of the small bore piping inside the drywell were examined in a special walkdown in 1982 to generate as-built drawings for multiple support configurations. Since this activity involved detail in addition to the scope of IEB 79-14, it was not necessary to include these supports in this program. The other group which was excluded consisted of standard detail small bore pipe supports which were verified during the original IEB 79-14 walkdown. We are confident that these supports are in agreement with design drawings since they are standard supports and easy to verify during a walkdown. These two groups that were excluded account for a small percentage of the total pipe supports at the DAEC.

Approximately 1,750 supports were evaluated in the first activity. We determined that eight of these were inoperable and required maintenance action; however, analysis showed that none of these affected the operability of the systems involved. These supports were modified to meet design margins before we commenced our Cycle 8 startup.

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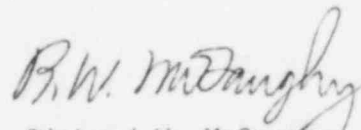
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In the second activity, we reviewed all of the walkdown packages generated by IEB 79-14. We found that a number of the packages did not contain complete cross-references and documentation to track the work that was done. For these packages, information was added to uniformly address cross-references and to complete the documentation.

The investigation and resolution of this issue have been given our focused attention. All re-walkdown and assessment efforts have confirmed our previous belief that the discrepancies discovered in the original IEB 79-14 work were not a safety concern. Our re-walkdown and assessment activities have been completed; therefore, we consider this letter to be our final report on this issue.

Very truly yours,



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