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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region II

Attn: Dr. J. Nelson Grace, Regional Administrator  
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Dear Dr. Grace:

BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1 - EXHAUST SILENCERS IMPROPERLY ANCHORED -  
BLRD-50-438/85-20 - FIRST INTERIM REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector  
S. Weise on July 2, 1985 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e) as NCR 4353.  
Enclosed is our first interim report. We expect to submit our next report on  
or about October 31, 1985.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with R. H. Shell at  
FTS 858-2688.

Very truly yours,

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ENCLOSURE

BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1  
DIESEL GENERATOR EXHAUST SILENCERS IMPROPERLY ANCHORED  
BLRD-50-438/85-20  
NCR BLN 4353  
10 CFR 50.55(e)  
FIRST INTERIM REPORT

Description of Deficiency

A reinspection of the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant (BLN) unit 1 diesel generator exhaust silencer foundation was performed as a result of NRC Information Notice 85-25, "Consideration of Thermal Conditions in Design and Installation of Supports for Diesel Generator Exhaust Silencers" and 10 CFR 50.55(e) nonconformance report (NCR) BLN 3615, (CDR BLRD-50-438/84-55, BLRD-50-439/84-51) "Deficient Category I Components and Miscellaneous Steel." In this reinspection, the following conditions and drawing discrepancies were identified:

1. Hairline shrinkage cracks were noted along the concrete surface of the support foundation.
2. Some of the 1-inch-diameter MK5 anchor bolts did not have the designated 4-1/2-inch projection above the concrete surface of the support foundation. Therefore, the anchor bolt nuts do not have full thread engagement and/or a jam nut installed as called for by design drawings.
3. The anchor bolt nuts should be loose to allow movement to accommodate thermal expansion, but were found to be tightened.
4. Due to dirt, grout, and insulation, the physical condition of the slotted connections appear to prevent the required sliding movement to accommodate thermal expansion.

The apparent cause of these deficiencies was a failure of construction personnel to install the items in accordance with TVA design drawings.

Interim Progress

The subject NCR is being evaluated by TVA for determination of corrective action.

Our next report will be provided on or about October 31, 1985.