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While there are no indications that the valves will mechanically malfunction, the fluid flow rates permitted in the forward direction will be below those anticipated in the procurement document specifications and, therefore, may constitute a safety related issue according to the intended use of the valves.

There are no nonconforming parts affecting the operation of the valves. The lower Cv values are a consequence of the internal geometry of these Conval valve designs. If requested, Conval's Engineering Manager, David Boyden will propose a retrofit of parts which, upon user acceptance, could be implemented within 4 weeks following user approval. The changes would significantly increase the flow capacity of the affected valves.

The two (2) nuclear plants affected have been verbally notified of this potential safety related noncompliance deviation.

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this notification, please contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

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