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Please note that this Code exception is being granted for the Dresden CTF only, and is not applicable to any other CTF. Any future CTF construction weld records should be maintained in accordance with ASME Code, Section III, or an equivalent.

If you have any comments or questions concerning this matter, please contact Stephen O'Connor of my staff at 301-415-8561.

Sincerely,
/RA/ original signed by/ C. Miller for /s/
E. William Brach, Director
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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