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**Interim Report of Potential Safety Concern on the Condition of the Midland Reactor Vessel Head Proposed for Use at an Operating Plant**

Ref.: 1. Letter, Stephen Wawro, Consumers Energy, to USNRC, "Report Under 10 CFR 21: Reactor Pressure Vessel Head," May 23, 2002.

Consumers Energy notified the NRC of a potential "failure to comply" condition concerning the use of the Midland reactor pressure vessel head at an operating nuclear power plant (reference 1). Upon receiving this information, Framatome ANP prepared a Preliminary Safety Concern on June 7, 2002.

Nature of the Concern

Consumers Energy, supplier of the reactor pressure vessel head, considers the usability and quality compliance of the vessel head to be indeterminate due to the dissolution of its 10CFR50 Appendix B QA Program in 1986.

Corrective Action to Date

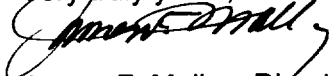
Framatome ANP is currently conducting physical inspections of the vessel head. RT/PT tests will be performed of critical weldments. Verification will be made of MK numbers, part number and code nameplate. A QA data package will be established.

Evaluation Completion Schedule

Framatome ANP will not complete its evaluation within the 60-day period required by 10CFR21 to determine if the deviation represents a defect and is, therefore, providing this interim report.

Framatome ANP will provide a final report to the NRC in approximately 30 days upon completion of the evaluation and final resolution of the preliminary safety concern.

Very truly yours,



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