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ATYPICAL WELD MATERIAL IN REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL WELDS

Description of Circumstances:

This Bulletin is a supplement to IE Bulletins 78-12 and 12A and all three documents must be collectively considered to provide an adequate response to the bulletins.

Following the issuance of IE Bulletin 78-12A, members of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement staff met with representatives from the reactor vessel manufacturers and suppliers to discuss the requirements of the bulletins. During these meetings, detailed interpretation of the data requirements was provided based on the manufacturer's respective methods of fabrication and record systems.

Recognizing that the scope of the record review is extensive, additional time to respond to the bulletins is provided by this supplement.

Action to be Taken by Licensees and Permit Holders:

This bulletin applies to all power reactor facilities with an operating license or a construction permit, except those already identified as possibly having atypical weld material.

Responses to the requirements in Bulletins 78-12 and 12A shall be submitted in writing in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Generic reports from each reactor vessel manufacturer shall be submitted to the NRC by May 1, 1979.
2. The licensee responses shall be submitted by May 29, 1979. The licensee's response shall include all of the specific vessel information required by the bulletins which is not covered by the vessel manufacturers generic report and shall indicate that the licensee is satisfied that the generic report adequately represents data for the specific vessels covered by the licensee's report.

Approved by GAO, B180225 (R0072); clearance expires 7/31/80. Approval was given under a blanket clearance specifically for identified generic problems.

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78-11	Examination of Mark I Containment Torus Welds	7/21/78	BWR Power Reactor Facilities for action: Peach Bottom 2 and 3, Quad Cities 1 and 2, Hatch 1, Monticello and Vermont Yankee
78-12	Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds	9/29/78	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
78-12A	Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds	11/24/78	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
78-13	Failures In Source Heads of Kay-Ray, Inc., Gauges Models 7050, 7050B, 7051, 7051B, 7060, 7060B, 7061 and 7061B	10/27/78	All general and specific licensees with the subject Kay-Ray, Inc. gauges
78-14	Deterioration of Buna-N Components In ASCO Solenoids	12/19/78	All GE BWR facilities with an OL or CP
79-01	Environmental Qualification of Class IE Equipment	2/8/79	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
79-02	Pipe Support Base Plate Designs Using Concrete Expansion Anchor Bolts	3/2/79	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
79-03	Longitudinal Weld Defects in ASME SA-312 Type 304 Stainless Steel Pipe Spools Manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company	3/12/79	All Power Reactor Facilities and an OL or CP

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78-05	Malfunctioning of Circuit Breaker Auxiliary Contact Mechanism-General Model CR105X	4/14/78	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
78-06	Defective Cutler-Hammer, Type M Relays With DC Coils	5/31/78	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
78-07	Protection afforded by Air-Line Respirators and Supplied-Air Hoods	6/12/78	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL, all class E and F Research Reactors with an OL, all Fuel Cycle Facilities with an OL, and all Priority 1 Material Licensees
78-08	Radiation Levels from Fuel Element Transfer Tubes	6/12/78	All Power and Research Reactor Facilities with a Fuel Element transfer tube and an OL.
78-09	BWR Drywell Leakage Paths Associated with Inadequate Drywell Closures	6/14/79	All BWR Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
78-10	Bergen-Paterson Hydraulic Shock Suppressor Accumulator Spring Coils	6/27/78	All BWR Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP