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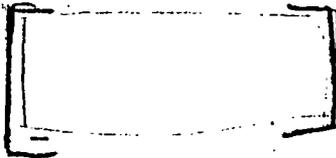
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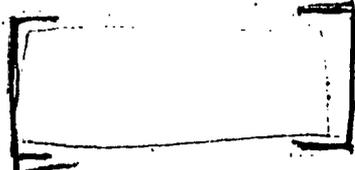
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- Complete items 1 and/or 2 for additional services.
- Complete items 3, 4a, and 4b.
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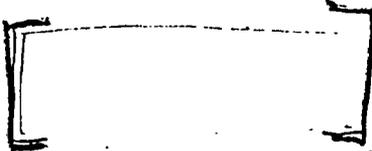


UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 4, 2004

Ex. 7C



SUBJECT: ALLEGATION NO. NRR-2004-A-0026

Dear 

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Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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STATEMENT OF CONCERNS

BACKGROUND FOR CONCERNS

First revised NRC Order EA-03-009 required specific inspections of the reactor pressure vessel head and associated penetration nozzles at PWRs. The frequency of required inspections depend upon a calculated susceptibility to primary water stress corrosion cracking (PWSSC). However, all licensees are required to perform a visual inspection and either (1) ultrasonic testing (UT), (2) eddy current or dye penetrant testing (PT), or (3) a combination of (1) and (2). To comply with Order EA-03-009, Point Beach performed bare metal visual examinations and UT examinations of the vessel head penetration nozzles.

CONCERN 1

A UT examination of Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) Unit 1 penetration 26 "J" groove weld was not capable of finding the damage discovered within (as identified by a surface penetrant test), and that PWSSC damage probably exists in other penetration "J" groove welds in the PBNP reactor pressure vessel head. Despite the results of the surface PT exam, the licensee will not pursue the PT examinations of other "J" groove welds because of the potential for finding additional evidence of PWSSC damage. The NRC should provide a "technical justification why the NRC has not required PBNP to "PT" a reasonable sample of other high stress penetration's "J" groove welds ..."

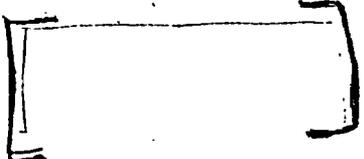
CONCERN 2

A Point Beach reactor vessel head nozzle fracture mechanics analysis was performed to support a code relief request (verbally granted to PBNP on May 26, 2004) for the temporary repair of Unit 1 penetration 26. The fracture mechanics analysis assumed flaw size for PBNP is arbitrary and "suspiciously small" in order to allow achieving a calculated operational life greater than a plant operational cycle. The NRC should provide written justification that the assumed PBNP flaw size contained in the fracture mechanics analyses for the temporary repair is in fact bounding for any and all potential existing flaws.

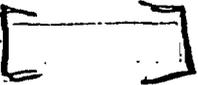
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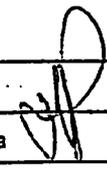
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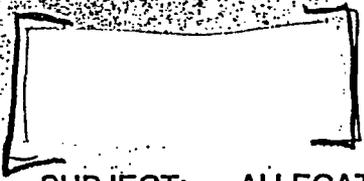
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