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Braidwood Station, Unit 1  
Facility Operating License No. NPF-72  
NRC Docket No. STN 50-456

Subject: Braidwood Station Unit 1 60-Day Response to NRC Bulletin 2004-01, "Inspection of Alloy 82/182/600 Materials Used in the Fabrication of Pressurizer Penetrations and Steam Space Connections at Pressurized-Water Reactors"

On May 28, 2004, the NRC issued NRC Bulletin 2004-01, "Inspection of Alloy 82/182/600 Materials Used in the Fabrication of Pressurizer Penetrations and Steam Space Connections at Pressurized-Water Reactors." Requested Information section 2(a) of this bulletin requires the following information be submitted to the NRC within 60 days after plant restart following the next inspection of the Alloy 82/182/600 pressurizer penetrations and steam space piping connections:

"...a statement indicating that the inspections described in the licensee's response to item (1)(c) of this bulletin were completed and a description of the as-found condition of the pressurizer shell, any findings of relevant indications of through-wall leakage, followup NDE performed to characterize flaws in leaking penetrations or steam space piping connections, a summary of all relevant indications found by NDE, a summary of the disposition of any findings of boric acid, and any corrective actions taken and/or repairs made as a result of the indications found."

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54, "Conditions of licenses," paragraph (f), Attachment 1 to this letter provides the Braidwood Station Unit 1 60-Day response. This response is due to the NRC by December 26, 2007 based on the Braidwood Station Unit 1 Fall 2007 refueling outage ending on October 26, 2007.

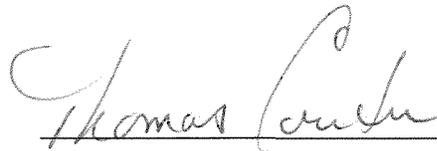
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Please direct any questions you may have regarding this submittal to Mr. David Gullott,  
Regulatory Assurance Manager, at (815) 417-2800.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully,

Executed on December 6, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas Coutu", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Coutu  
Site Vice President  
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Attachment: Braidwood Station Unit 1 60-Day Response to NRC Bulletin 2004-01

**ATTACHMENT**

**Braidwood Station Unit 1**

**60-Day Response to NRC Bulletin 2004-01**

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### Response

#### **Summary of the Inspections Performed, Extent of the Inspections, and Methods Used**

During the Fall 2007 (A1R13) refueling outage, a bare metal visual (BMV) examination was performed on all five of the Braidwood Station Unit 1 pressurizer steam space penetrations and adjacent pressurizer shell surfaces. The examination was conducted in accordance with Exelon procedures ER-AA-335-015, "VT-2 Examination," ER-AP-331-1001, "Boric Acid Corrosion Control (BACC) Inspection Locations, Implementation, and Inspection Guidelines," and ER-AP-331-1002, "Boric Acid Corrosion Control Program Identification, Assessment, and Evaluation."

The examination was performed after insulation was removed from the top of the pressurizer and the five associated penetrations. The examination was a direct visual examination of the area of interest, ensuring any boric acid leakage would be easily identified.

The full circumference of each of the five penetrations was examined. The examination was performed real time by a certified VT-2 examiner.

#### **Description of the As-Found Condition, Findings of Relevant Indications, and Summary of the Disposition of any Findings**

The examination of the five penetrations and adjacent pressurizer vessel surfaces identified no evidence of any boric acid deposits associated with reactor coolant leakage.

#### **Corrective Actions Taken**

Based on the acceptable as found condition of the five penetrations and adjacent pressurizer vessel surfaces, there was no follow-up NDE, disposition of findings, or corrective actions required.

## **Mitigation Efforts Completed**

Braidwood Station completed the installation of primary water stress corrosion cracking (PWSCC) resistant full structural weld overlays of all steam space nozzles (three safety valve nozzles, one relief valve nozzle, and one spray nozzle) during the Fall 2007 refueling outage. With the completion of these weld overlays, Braidwood Station will no longer perform a 100% bare metal visual examination of these welds, as they are no longer susceptible to PWSCC degradation.