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TVA proposes to remove the portion of the weld containing the crack-like characteristics from safe-end N-14-SE by grinding around the indication to a depth of approximately 3/4 inches to remove a "boat sample" for analysis. The physical work will be performed by using either plant or contract personnel under the supervision of the Modifications organization to comply with the requirements of the site procedures for repair/replacement of ASME components. The completed work will be documented in accordance with ASME Section XI Code requirements (NIS-2 form). Work Request C 056128 has been initiated to identify the deficiency and to process a work order (WO). The WO will provide the necessary information and instructions to remove the "boat sample" and repair the weld. Included in the WO will be the Weld Data Sheets necessary to ensure that controls are in place in accordance with the ASME Section III Code and TVA's certificate holder's program.

This activity involves physical work while under TVA Stop Work Order No. WBN-90-01. WBN procedures permit a partial release of the stop work order to complete this activity, providing NRC concurs with this activity. The resolution of this issue will facilitate the NRC reinspection currently scheduled for December 16, 1991. Accordingly, TVA requests that NRC favorably consider this work request and provide its prompt concurrence in allowing TVA to proceed with this evaluation plan and subsequent repair.

If you have any questions, please telephone G. L. Pannell at (615) 365-1550.

Sincerely,



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