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10 CFR 50.55(e)

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1 - INVALID COLD FORMING PROCEDURES USED TO BEND
PROCESS PIPE - WBRD-50-390/86-19, - FOURTH INTERIM REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-Region II Inspector
Al Ignatonis on January 6, 1986, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e),
as NCR WBN 6518 for unit 2 and NCR WBN 6524 for unit 1. Previous reports were
submitted on February 7, April 15, and September 5, 1986, and
January 14, 1987. Below is our fourth interim report for unit 1.

The unit 2 deficiency (WBRD-50-391/86-15) was downgraded in our
September 5, 1986 report to nonreportable under 10 CFR 50.55(e). For unit 1,
the evaluation of the deficiency involves field examination of the pipe bends
made using invalid procedures. Problems with surface irregularities
(scratches, abrasions, mill scale, arc strikes, etc.) which require
engineering evaluation continue to delay completion of the field examination
and evaluation of the bending procedures used. The workplan governing
evaluation of the surface irregularities is presently in the review cycle.
Repair of surface defects and evaluation of the bends will be performed
concurrently with work scheduled to begin in early June 1987. The results of
the bend evaluation will be used to confirm adequacy of the bends or to
determine any necessary corrective actions. We expect to submit our final
report concerning this deficiency on or about October 15, 1987.

If there are any questions, please call R. D. Schulz at (615) 365-8527.

Very truly yours,

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