

POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
INDIAN POINT NO. 3 NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

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Boyce H. Grier, Director
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Region I
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: I.E. Bulletin No. 79-03

Dear Mr. Grier:

In response to I.E. Bulletin No. 79-03, the Power Authority has investigated the status of the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant with regard to the use of ASME SA-312, Type 304 or other welded (without filler metal) pipe manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company.

The following are the results of our investigation:

1. All piping used or planned for use in improvement modifications is purchased in accordance with specifications which require seamless pipe for all applications unless specifically authorized by Engineering. To date, no seamed pipe has been purchased from Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company.
2. Of the suppliers listed in the Bulletin, Guyon Alloys Inc. is the only one which supplied piping for the construction of the plant. However, the records indicate Guyon only provided service water piping in accordance with U. E. & C. Specification No. 9321-05-248-35 which required seamless carbon steel-concrete lined pipe and is, therefore, of no concern to this investigation.
3. Where any other suppliers may have obtained welded piping for Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant from Youngstown, the suppliers of construction piping were contacted and requested to determine if any pipe from Youngstown was provided for Indian Point 3. All results have been negative.
4. A review of Quality Assurance records for piping four inches and over purchased by WEDCO Corporation indicates that some piping from Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company was used during

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construction. However, none was welded without filler metal. Piping under four inches will be investigated, however, it is not expected that any of these pipes will be of the welded type. This investigation is expected to be completed by May 25, 1979.

Very truly yours,


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