



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION III  
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March 6, 1979

Docket No. 50-331

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Gentlemen:

This letter documents our resolution of those issues regarding the repair activities of the eight recirculation system inlet nozzle safe-ends at the Duane Arnold Energy Center, as stipulated in our letter dated January 16, 1979. Our resolution of these items and our position regarding plant startup were provided to your Messrs. L. Root and H. Rehrauer by our Mr. I. Jackiw during a telephone conversation at 10:00 p.m. on March 5, 1979.

The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) issued a Safety Evaluation Report (SER) supporting Amendment No. 49 to License No. DPR-49 on March 5, 1979. This SER addresses three items requiring resolution, as identified in the SER for Amendment No. 47 to License No. DPR-49 dated January 8, 1979 and our letter dated January 16, 1979. As indicated in the SER, there remains one item which requires resolution to the satisfaction of the Region III office, i.e., Item (2), the satisfactory completion of a hydrostatic test of the repaired safe-ends in accordance with applicable ASME Code requirements before the facility is authorized to exceed 5% rated power.

The manner in which we will indicate satisfactory resolution of this item will be verbal notification from our inspector onsite who will verify completion of this test in accordance with the applicable ASME Code requirements. The results of this inspection will of course be documented in accordance with our routine procedures.

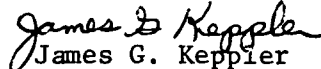
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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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Director

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