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Dear Mr. Keppler:

This letter is our response to IE Bulletin No. 79-03A regarding longitudinal weld defects in ASME SA-312, Type 304 stainless steel pipe.

As a result of our investigation, we have determined that we neither use nor plan to use SA-312 or A-312, type 300 series fusion welded pipe at the Duane Arnold Energy Center in safety-related systems subject to design stresses greater than 85 percent of the code allowable stresses.

The details of our investigation are available for your review if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

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