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Ltr. re our 6/10/76 ltr...concerning
evaluation of the adequacy of the Reactor
Pressure Vessel Supports.

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PLANT NAME: Diablo Canyon 1 & 2

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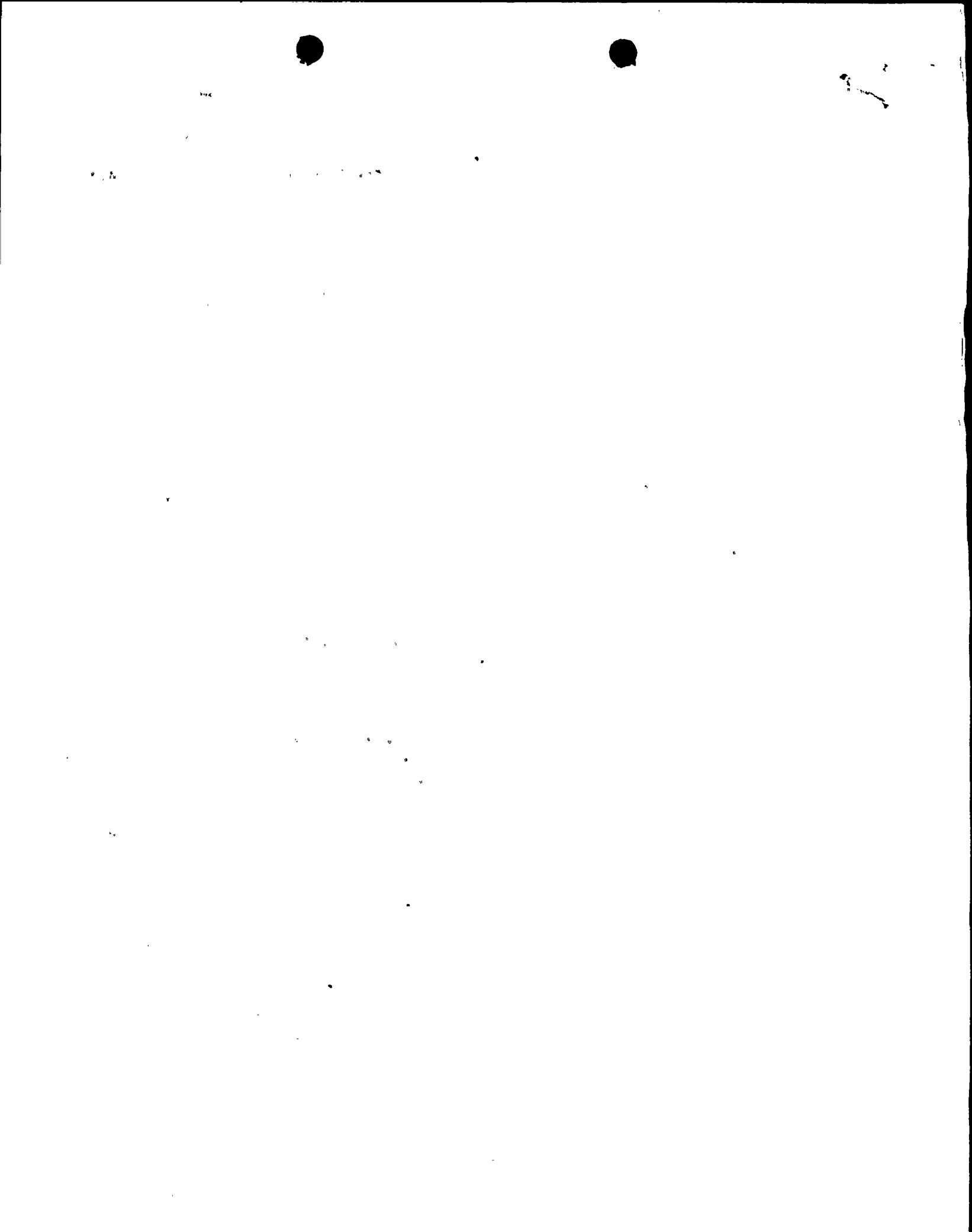
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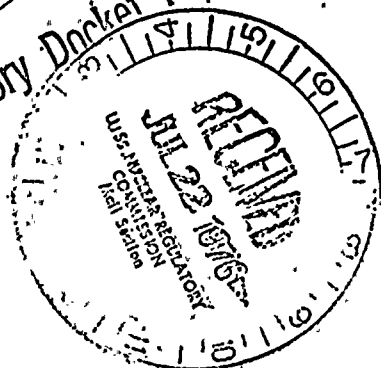
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Re: Dockets 50-275-OL
50-323-OL
Diablo Canyon Site
Units 1 and 2

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Your letter dated June 10, 1976 requested an evaluation of the adequacy of the reactor pressure vessel supports for Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2, and directed us to inform you of our schedule for providing such an evaluation.

We are one of several utilities owning Westinghouse pressurized water reactors which are addressing the adequacy of reactor pressure vessel supports as a group. This group has considered the performance of individual analyses or typical analyses similar to those suggested in your request for additional information of June 10. Discussions with Westinghouse have indicated that such analyses would require a great amount of effort, and could take years to complete. We have concluded that a more effective response to the question you raise regarding the design of reactor supports is to propose an augmented inservice inspection program which would reduce further the already small likelihood of a reactor coolant pipe break near the reactor vessel nozzles.

Representatives of the utility group and of Westinghouse met with members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff on May 25, 1976 to discuss our efforts to that date, the justification for an augmented inservice inspection program, and the technical merits of such a program. A report of that meeting is now in preparation. It should be completed by September 1, 1976 and will be transmitted to you.

Very truly yours,

Philip A. Crane

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