

June 28, 1979

Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region I
Attn: Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Mr. Grier:

Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
Docket No. 50-220
DPR-63


Your March 19, 1979 I. E. Bulletin 78-12B, regarding atypical weld material in reactor pressure vessel welds, requested a generic report from the reactor vessel manufacturer and specific vessel information from the licensee.

The Nine Mile Point Unit 1 reactor pressure vessel manufacturer, Combustion Engineering Incorporated, transmitted a report by letter dated June 8, 1979 from Mr. A. E. Scherer to Mr. H. D. Thornburg of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The only information requested which was not included in Combustion Engineering's generic report was the availability of archive weld materials. We have determined that there is no archive weld material available from the Unit 1 vessel for verification purposes.

Combustion Engineering Incorporated has also certified that the documentation and information provided in the generic report covers the Unit 1 vessel. A copy of the Combustion Engineering certification dated June 8, 1979 is attached. In addition, our agent, General Electric Company, has provided us with a verification letter, copy attached, indicating that the generic report adequately represents data for the Unit 1 reactor pressure vessel.

Very truly yours,
NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION


R. R. Schneider
Vice President
Electric Production

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Attachment

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G-EA1-9-79

June 20, 1979

Mr. T. J. Perkins
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Nine Mile Point 1.
P. O. Box 32
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CC: Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.
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C. V. Mangan, Syracuse
J. W. Cleveland, GE San Jose

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC IE BULLETIN NO. 78-12, 78-12A AND 78-12B

Reference: Letter G-EA1-9-64, E. R. Egger to T. J. Perkins, dated 5/2/79

Dear Mr. Perkins:

In compliance with subject bulletin, General Electric NEBG requested Combustion Engineering, Inc. (C-E) to conduct a records investigation of low alloy, high tensile weld deposits used in all reactor pressure vessels built in their, or their supplier's, facilities. The purpose of this investigation was to identify any other atypical weld deposit similar to the one described in Bulletin 78-12.


In response to our request, C-E has prepared a report and submitted it to the NRC on June 8, 1979 as evidenced by the attached copy of the transmittal letter. The attached certification dated June 8, 1979 has also been received.

We have reviewed C-E's report to the NRC and have not found any discrepancies germane to the problem described in Bulletin 78-12. Based on our review and C-E's statement in the report that no evidence of the use of atypical weld material in pressure vessels manufactured by them was discovered, we conclude that it is very unlikely that other similar conditions (i.e., atypical weld deposits) exist in any of their reactor pressure vessel welds.

C-E states in the body of their report that they do not have any archive material which could be used for verification purposes. Consequently, we are requesting you to review your inventory and advise the NRC accordingly (Bulletin 78-12, Item 4).

We recommend that you use this letter and the attached certification to satisfy the NRC request for verification of the generic search as outlines in IE Bulletin 78-12, Item 2.

Very truly yours,

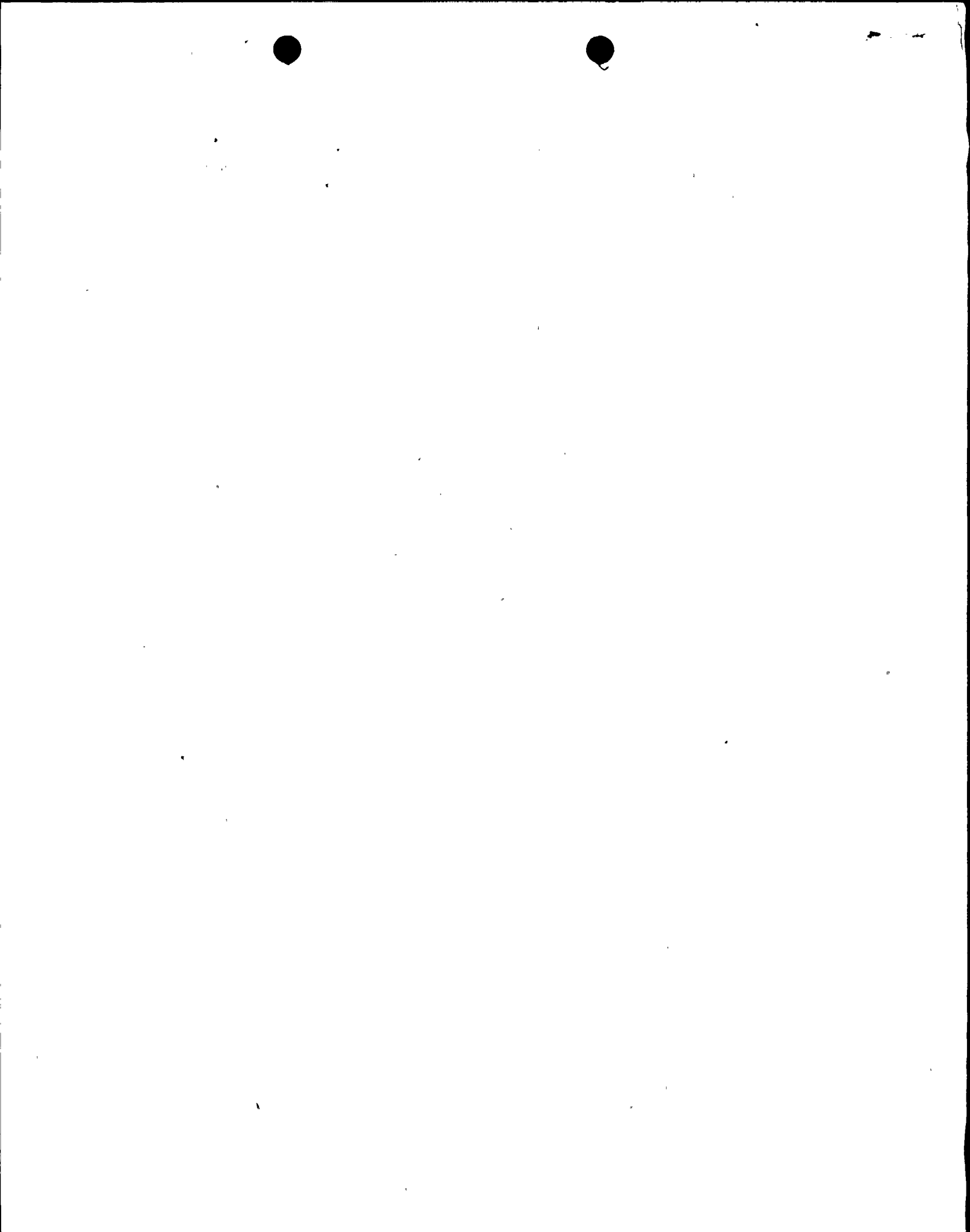

E. R. Egger, Service Manager
Mechanical and Nuclear - I&SE
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June 8, 1979
LD-79-036

Mr. Harold D. Thornburg
Division of Reactor Construction Inspection
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: I&E Bulletin 78-12, "Atypical Weld Material in Reactor
Pressure Vessel Welds"

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

Enclosed please find three (3) copies of a document entitled "Information Requested by I&E Bulletin 78-12, Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds."

This report is being submitted directly to the NRC by Combustion Engineering as permitted by Supplement A to the Bulletin. It is expected that holders of Construction Permits and Operating Licenses will reference this report in responding to the Bulletin on their individual dockets.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Mr. E. H. Kennedy of my staff at (203)688-1911, extension 2828.

Very truly yours,

COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. E. Scherer'.

A. E. Scherer
Licensing Manager

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Enclosure



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