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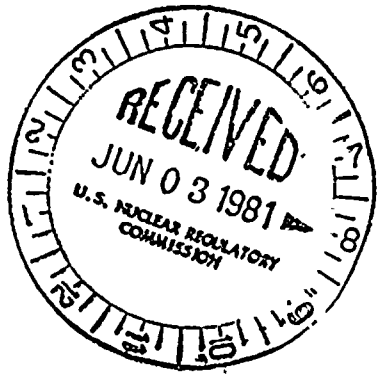

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The following information is provided in response to IE Bulletin 81-01, Revision 1, "Surveillance of Mechanical Snubbers."

IE Bulletin actions to be taken (CP):

1. Following individual final piping walkdown inspections and prior to initial criticality, the safety-related snubbers that require surveillance testing in accordance with Technical Specifications Section 4.7 will be examined and tested as follows:

   a) Visual inspections for damage; manual tests to verify function of movement over the range of stroke in both compression and tension.

   b) INC snubbers are not used at Susquehanna SES.

   c) Corrective actions will be completed prior to initial criticality.

2. Inspections and tests will follow the individual final piping system inspection when the completeness and correctness of each snubber on the system is verified. All inspections and tests will be completed prior to initial criticality. A report will be submitted to NRC within 30 days after completion of all inspections and tests.

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This time frame is different from that proposed in the bulletin, but it meets the intent of the bulletin and best reflects the phases of testing conducted at Susquehanna SES. Demonstration of snubber operability can only be conducted after verification of snubber installation, which occurs during the final piping system inspection. This inspection normally occurs after system preoperational testing is completed. Until initial criticality, no heat source is available and no significant thermal expansion occurs. Since there is no fission product inventory, a snubber failure prior to initial criticality would have no safety inplications. Therefore, completion of inspections and tests prior to fuel load is not necessary; completion prior to initial criticality is adequate.

Required affidavits and estimates of manpower expended will be provided with the final report.

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