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SUBJECT: Responds to IE: Bulletin 80-03, "Loss of Charcoal from Std Type 11, Two-Inch, Tray absorber Cells." No equipment abnormalities evident which would affect performance of reactor or control room emergency ventilation sys.

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March 19, 1980

Mr. Boyce Grier, Director
United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission - Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Grier:

I.E. Bulletin No. 80-03 addresses Loss of Charcoal from Standard Type II, 2 Inch, Tray Adsorber Cells.

NRC I.E. Bulletin No. 80-03 requires that charcoal adsorber cells in use be examined for deficiencies which could degrade the performance of the unit during an accident. Charcoal adsorber cells in use at Nine Mile Point Unit #1 are in the redundant Reactor Building Emergency Ventilation Systems and the Control Room Emergency Ventilation System. The cells in all systems are of welded construction except for an end cover on each cell that is used for replacing the charcoal. The two Reactor Building Emergency Ventilation Systems use 6 adsorber cells manufactured by Mine Safety Appliances each while the Control Room Emergency Ventilation System uses 4 cells manufactured by Barnebey-Cheney Co.

On January 9, 10, and 11, 1980, surveillance testing was performed on all the systems. The inspection and testing was performed by Nuclear Containment Systems, Inc., with their procedure #NCS375. This procedure was derived from ANSI 510-1975. At the time of the inspection the charcoal in all 16 adsorber cells was replaced as well as in-place charcoal adsorber filter leak testing and particulate filter in-place leak testing. The results of the inspection indicate that no equipment abnormalities are evident which would affect the performance of the systems. This has been verified by the in-place testing. The inspection and test procedures are available for your examination.

Sincerely yours,

original signed by Thomas E. Lempges

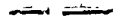
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