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Subject: Byron Station Units 1 and 2
Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2
Response to I.E. Bulletin 79-04
"Incorrect Weights for Swing
Check Valves Manufactured by Velan
Engineering Corporation"
NRC Docket Nos. 50-454/455 and
50-456/457

Reference (a): J. G. Keppler letter to B. Lee, Jr.
dated March 30, 1979

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Reference (a) transmitted I.E. Bulletin 79-04 which required a response by all holders of operating licenses or construction permits for power reactor facilities.

We have reviewed the piping systems at Byron and Braidwood Stations and determined that a small number of 3, 4, or 6 inch swing check valves manufactured by Velan Engineering Corporation were furnished by the NSSS vendor -- Westinghouse. Correct weights have not been received from Velan as yet but are expected within 30 days. Correct weights will be used in the piping analyses and action will be taken to provide additional supports if indicated by the analyses.

No Velan swing check valves were purchased for the balance of plant piping systems.

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Please direct any questions you may have concerning this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Director, Division of Reactor
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