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Region IV  
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Attention: Uldis Potapovs, Chief  
Vendor Inspection Branch

Subject: Response - N.R.C. Inspection  
March 27-30, 1979  
Docket & Inspection Report No. 99900021/79-01

Gentlemen:

In reference to your letter of May 22, 1979,  
requesting additional information relative to Item B,  
Notice of Deviation, based on the results of subject  
inspection, we respectfully submit the attached response.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Howard*  
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Attachment

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SUPPLEMENT TO FINDINGS - NRC INSPECTION - MARCH 27 THROUGH 30, 1979

Item B

- (1) A welding procedure was erroneously selected by the Welding Foreman in welding a coupling to a pipe. In evaluating the welding procedure used and the approved welding procedure that should have been used, the following criteria has been established.

Corrective Action  
Supplement

In cross referencing the two (2) welding procedures, it was noted that there is no variance in amperage for the electrodes in either procedure, therefore there was no violation of heat in-put. In light of our findings we feel assured that even though the wrong procedure was used, the welding parameters thickness requirements were identical for the electrode sizes used as shown on the supporting Procedure Qualification Records of Welding Procedure twenty-seven (27) versus Welding Procedure twenty-six (26).

In conclusion we feel the welding procedure used was not detrimental to the serviceability of the component.

A memo has been prepared and issued to all welding supervision that the selection of a proper welding procedure for a specific thickness is mandatory.

Corrective Action  
Initiated

Note that in our previous Response that a Welding Supervision Quality Assurance Training Format has been prepared by the Williamsport Shop Welding Engineering Department. This Corrective Action is to be completed by June 15, 1979.

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