

April 28, 1978

Mr. Karl Kniel, Chief Light Water  
Reactors Branch #2  
Division of Project Management  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Ref: Taper Threaded Reinforcing Steel Coupler

Dear Mr. Kniel:

In support of our Topical Report which you have accepted for review, we are submitting the attached copies of letters from the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Bechtel Power Corporation.

Very truly yours

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*Charles J. Fox*  
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cc: Gunter Arndt

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# Bechtel Power Corporation

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April 17, 1978

Fox Industries  
722 Folger Avenue  
Berkeley, Calif. 94710

Attention: Mr. Charles J. Fox

Subject: Fox Howlett Reinforcing Steel Coupler

Dear Mr. Fox:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 1978, advising us that the NRC has accepted for review your topical report "Taper Threaded Reinforcing Steel Coupler". As you requested, we are pleased to reaffirm that we consider your Taper Threaded Reinforcing Steel Coupler to be an acceptable mechanical coupling device, and we shall seriously consider using it on future projects.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. L. Lex".

B. L. Lex  
Manager of Engineering  
Thermal Power Management

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY  
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902

April 20, 1978

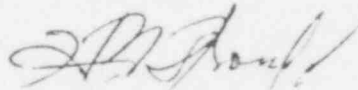
Mr. Charles J. Fox  
Fox Industries  
722 Folger Avenue  
Berkeley, California 94710

Dear Mr. Fox:

I am sorry, but we are not able to indicate to the NRC that we will reference the Fox Howlett coupler in future applications. We have not committed to filing a new application for a construction permit and have no mechanism to reference your system.

However, we support your action in having the NRC review your topical report. We believe it is to the industry's advantage to have several systems which are licensed for nuclear plants. We have no objection to your providing NRC a copy of this letter and our letter of March 8, 1978.

Sincerely,



H. N. Stroud, Jr.  
Acting General Manager

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY  
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902

March 8, 1978

Mr. Charles J. Fox  
Fox Industries  
722 Folger Avenue  
Berkeley, California 94710

Dear Mr. Fox:

In your letter of January 30, 1978, you noted the NRC would not review your topical report without sponsorship of potential applicants of nuclear power plants. It was our understanding that sponsorship would not be required at the time we made our recommendation.

If TVA submits any future applications on nuclear power plants, we plan to reference any reinforcing mechanical coupler system that is technically acceptable to us, appears to have economic merit, and has ACI/ASME code approval. However, the final selection of the coupler system chosen for actual construction use will depend on acceptance by the NRC and its engineering and economic feasibilities.

Sincerely yours,



Lynn Seeber  
General Manager

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