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DOCKETS 50-155 and 50-255 - LICENSES DPR-6 and DPR-20 -  
BIG ROCK POINT AND PALISADES PLANTS - RESPONSE TO  
IE BULLETIN 79-03: DEFECTS IN STAINLESS STEEL PIPE  
SPOOLS

The subject Bulletin, forwarded by NRC letter dated March 12, 1979, reported defects found in longitudinal welds in ASME SA-312 Type 304 stainless steel pipe spools manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company. Consumers Power Company was requested to determine whether similar pipe manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company was in use or planned for use in safety-related systems, provide information regarding such applications, and develop a program for inspection of any similar pipe in safety-related use.

A preliminary review of the Big Rock Point and Palisades piping specifications has been performed. This review has identified no uses of welded SA-312 Type 304 stainless steel piping at Big Rock Point. At Palisades, use of such piping has been identified only in radioactive waste processing applications (non safety-related). These applications are small diameter, low pressure systems.

A detailed investigation of as-built and vendor information will be conducted to verify that pipe discussed in the subject Bulletin is not used in other applications at Big Rock Point or Palisades. The results of this review will be reported by July 30, 1979.

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