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- References:
- (1) B. H. Grier letter to W. G. Council dated March 8, 1979, forwarding I&E Bulletin #79-02.
  - (2) W. G. Council letter to B. H. Grier dated June 8, 1979, on Docket No. 50-245.
  - (3) B. H. Grier letter to W. G. Council dated June 21, 1979.

Gentlemen:

Haddam Neck Plant  
Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2  
Pipe Support Base Plate Designs Using Concrete Expansion Anchor Bolts  
I&E Bulletin #79-02

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I&E Bulletin No. 79-02, Reference (1), as supplemented by Reference (3), requested that Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (CYAPCO) and Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) provide information with regard to "pipe support base plate designs using concrete expansion anchor bolts". In order to provide the requested information, CYAPCO and NNECO have developed a systematic program of approach. This program includes, (1) the formation of an "Owner's Group" to develop generic information, and (2) a company plan of inspection, testing, and where necessary, modifications at the Haddam Neck Plant and Millstone Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The recent refueling outages at Millstone Unit Nos. 1 and 2 provided the opportunity to inspect, test, and modify base plates and anchor bolts as deemed necessary in areas not accessible during normal operation.

In response to References (1) and (3), CYAPCO and NNECC, together with twelve other utilities, formed an "Owner's Group" to generically address the non-site-specific portions of I&E Bulletin #79-02. Teledyne Engineering Services (TES) of Waltham, Massachusetts, has been contracted by the Owner's Group to perform the necessary generic engineering and test work required to respond to the subject Bulletin.

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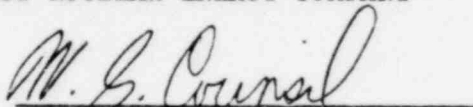
The Owner's Group met with the NRC Staff in Bethesda, Maryland, on April 26, 1979, to describe in detail the proposed generic program. It is the intention of CYAPCO and NNECO to complete the testing portion of the generic program by July 15, 1979. It is then anticipated that reports describing the results of the program would be completed within an additional month. The generic program as described to the NRC Staff is outlined in Attachment (1) to this letter.

In addition, Attachment (2) to this letter outlines the plant-specific programs for Millstone Unit Nos. 1 and 2 and the Haddam Neck Plant. The program description includes plans for inspection, testing, and necessary modifications and provides responses to each of the specific Bulletin questions for each of the plants.

The information included in the Attachments summarizes the basis for CYAPCO and NNECO's conclusion that NRC Staff concerns documented in References (1) and (3) are being addressed in a timely fashion.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment