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Re: RII:EHB
50-269/79-15

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

With regard to Mr. R. C. Lewis' letter dated July 24, 1979, concerning the subject IE Inspection Report. Duke Power Company does not consider the report to be proprietary.

Please find attached a response to the cited Item of Non-compliance.

Very truly yours,

William O. Parker Jr

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Attachment

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Response to IE Inspection Report
50-269/79-15

Item

As required by Technical Specification 4.18 all hydraulic snubbers listed in Table 4.18-1 shall be inspected, and this inspection shall include as a minimum hydraulic fluid reservior fluid connections, and linkage connections to the piping and anchor to verify suppressor operability.

Contrary to the above, two snubbers in the reactor coolant system (RCS-50) were found by an inspector to be rotated such that fluid ports in reserviors were uncovered and one locknut on the cylinder extension tie rod end was loose. This finding occurred after these snubbers were identified in inspection procedure MP/1/A/3000/12 as being properly oriented with all nuts tight. These snubbers are considered to be inoperable.

Response

The two snubbers in question were removed and functionally tested to determine operability. One suppressor passed the functional test, was thereby determined to be operable, and was reinstalled, while the other failed and was replaced. Suppressor inspection procedures have been revised to clarify the correct orientation of the hydraulic reservior.

The suppressor removal/reinstallation procedure is in the process of being revised to clarify correct installation positioning of suppressors. Estimated completion of this action is September 1979.

All accessible suppressors on Unit 2 were inspected and found to be oriented correctly. All suppressors on Unit 3 will be reinspected prior to startup of the unit. All suppressors on Units 1 and 2 will be inspected at the next available outage, within the inspection interval.

Maintenance personnel have been informed of the revised procedures and will be instructed again prior to each inspection. A formal inspection training program is in preparation.