



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV
611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 1000
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76012

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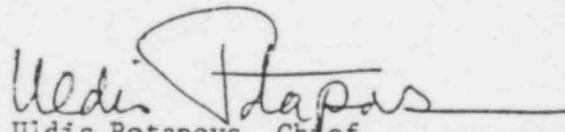
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MEMORANDUM FOR: G. W. Reinmuth, AD, DRCI, IE, HQS
FROM: Uldis Potapovs, Chief, VIB, RIV
SUBJECT: POTENTIAL PART 21 REPORT

On December 3, 1979, M. V. Warren, Quality Assurance Engineer, for Newport News Industries (NNI) phoned to report that Duquesne Light Company, had notified them that welding defects had been identified in the neutron shield for Beaver Valley Unit 2. The Field Service Engineers for NNI had been sent to the site to evaluate the weld defects and had reported that all of the indications appeared to be in the areas of the gusset plates which reinforce the neutron shield wall to the base plate. There are approximately eighty (80) equally spaced around the perimeter of the shield wall.

NNI has not determined the cause of the defects but reports that the neutron shield was not purchased as a Section III Code item, and the only NDE specified by the customer was LP the various weld layers as the welding progressed. They also report that they do not have the expertise to evaluate the safety significance and reportability of the defects in compliance with 10 CFR 21, but will request the customer to perform this evaluation for them.

A copy of NNI written report of this matter is attached. A routine inspection of NNI will be scheduled in March or April, 1980, which will include a followup inspection concerning this matter.


Uldis Potapovs, Chief
Vendor Inspection Branch

Attachment:
As stated
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R. Carlson, RI
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