

Thomas J. Martin
Vice President
Engineering and Construction

Public Service Electric and Gas Company 80 Park Place Newark, N.J. 07101 201/430-8316

December 7, 1979

Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Grier:

NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-354/79-04
NO. 1 UNIT
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

We have received and reviewed the report of your inspection conducted on September 12-14, 1979. The report was transmitted with your letter of November 9, 1979 and received on November 16, 1979. Our response for the item of noncompliance is as follows:

1. Corrective steps taken by Bechtel and the results achieved:
 - a) Bechtel has reviewed the Supplier's (Dravo) method for NDE of weld buildups applied to Nuclear Class 2 shop butt weld ends, and has determined that surface examination should have been performed as required by ASME Section III, NC-2539.

This surface examination was listed as an option in Dravo's General Fabrication Procedure, SP-1, in all revisions prior to Revision 7. Procedure SP-1, Revision 7, dated July 26, 1979, requires weld buildups to be surface examined by either MT or PT, along with RT as required.
 - b) Bechtel has initiated a request to Dravo to provide the rationale for not performing the required surface examinations, and to provide other information, including a listing of pipe spools involved. Response has been requested by January 4, 1979.
 - c) Bechtel will initiate any necessary corrective steps as the investigation proceeds and information becomes available from Dravo.

1794 303' 8001240 492

Mr. Boyce H. Grier,
Director

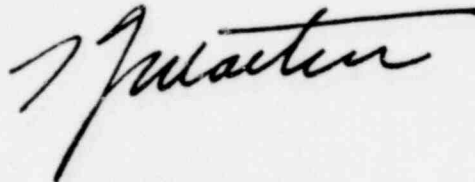
-2-

12/7/79

2. Corrective steps taken to avoid further items of noncompliance:
 - a) Dravo has revised Procedure SP-1 (Revision 7, dated July 26, 1979) to provide for surface examination in strict compliance with ASME Code Section III, Paragraph NC-2539.
 - b) Bechtel instructed to initiate any additional corrective steps necessary to avoid further noncompliance.
3. The expected date for full compliance is July 1, 1980, at which time full documentation of the investigation will be available at the site.

If you require additional information, we will be pleased to discuss it with you.

Very truly yours,



CC: Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Division of Reactor Construction and Inspection
Washington, D. C.
H. E. Morris (Bechtel)

FT1 1/2

1794 304 :