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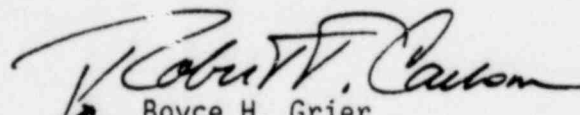
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Gentlemen:

The enclosed IE Circular No. 79-25, Supplement A, is forwarded to you for information. No written response to this Circular is required. If you have any questions related to the subject, please contact this office.

Sincerely,


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Director

Enclosures:

1. IE Circular No. 79-25, Supplement A
2. List of Recently Issued IE Circulars

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SHOCK ARRESTOR STRUT ASSEMBLY INTERFERENCE

On December 20, 1979 licensees and holders of construction permits for nuclear power reactors were advised by IE Circular No. 79-25 of a potential problem with Bergen Paterson part 2540 Strut Assembly used in combination with Pacific Scientific Company mechanical shock arrestors sizes 15K, 50K and 120K.

Bergen Paterson has conducted a detailed review of their records and identified the following nuclear power plants as being affected by the above problem:

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| Shoreham #1 | Three Mile Island #2 |
| Shearon Harris #1, 2, 3, & 4 | Watts Bar #1 |
| Virgil C. Summer #1 | Waterford #3 |
| Limmerick #1 & 2 | |

During the course of this investigation Bergen-Paterson identified an additional problem with the 2540-120 Shock Arrestor Strut Assembly. The assembly may not be acceptable for applications up to the published load of 120,000 lbs. Preliminary load testing has indicated that the maximum acceptable load may be only 112,000 lbs.

All Nuclear Power Reactor licensees and holders of construction permits are advised to review their systems for any Bergen Paterson part 2540-120 Shock Arrestor Strut Assembly. Application of these assemblies should be analysed, existing calculations reviewed, and if necessary, recalculated to determine whether loads exceed 112,000 lbs. Strut Assemblies for applications in excess of 112,000 lbs should be replaced by larger units or other acceptable resolution should be made.

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RECENTLY ISSUED IE CIRCULARS

| Circular No. | Subject | First Date of Issue | Issued To |
|--------------|--|---------------------|--|
| 79-17 | Contact Problem in SB-12 Switches on General Electric Metalclad Circuit Breakers | 8/14/79 | All Power Reactor Licensees with an Operating License (OL) or Construction Permit (CP) |
| 79-18 | Proper Installation of Target Rock Safety-Relief Valves | 9/10/79 | All Power Reactor Licensees with an OL or CP |
| 79-19 | Loose Locking Devices on Ingersoll-Rand Pumps | 9/13/79 | All Power Reactor Licensees with an OL or CP |
| 79-20 | Failure of GTE Sylvania Relay, Type PM Bulletin 7305, Catalog 5U12-11-AC with a 120V AC Coil | 9/24/79 | All Power Reactor Licensees with an OL or CP |
| 79-21 | Prevention of Unplanned Releases of Radioactivity | 10/19/79 | All Power Reactor Licensees with an OL or CP |
| 79-22 | Stroke Times for Power Operated Relief Valves | 11/16/79 | All Power Reactor Licensees with an OL or CP |
| 79-23 | Motor Starters and Contactors Failed to Operate | 11/26/79 | All Power Reactor Licensees with an OL or CP |
| 79-24 | Proper Installation and Calibration of Core Spray Pipe Break Detection Equipment on BWRs | 11/26/79 | All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP |
| 79-25 | Shock Arrestor Strut Assembly Interference | 12/20/79 | All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP |
| 80-01 | Service Advice for GE Induction Disc Relays | 1/17/80 | All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP |
| 80-02 | Nuclear Power Staff Work Hours | 2/1/80 | All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP |