



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION IV  
611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 1000  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

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Docket No. 50-313

Arkansas Power and Light Company  
ATTN: Mr. William Cavanaugh III  
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Gentlemen:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated May 19, 1978 in response to our letter of April 25, 1978. In our letter we requested identification of corrective action to preclude recurrence of an item of noncompliance identified during Inspection 50-313/78-03. We also indicated that this item was still considered to be an item of noncompliance. Your reply indicates that you do not consider the pitting observed in the piping to meet the specified criteria for disposition in accordance with your Quality Assurance Program; therefore, you have not indicated specific appropriate corrective action to preclude recurrence of the cited item of noncompliance. You do, however, commit to following your Quality Assurance Program for items identified in the future which are considered as deviations, deficiencies, etc.

Since the determination relative to the lack of documentation of the identified pitting is technically subjective based on our assessment of the significance of the pitting, we plan no further action relative to this item of noncompliance. On this basis we consider this item closed. However, since we continue to disagree relative to the significance of the indicated pitting, we have transmitted our concerns relative to the affected piping to our Headquarters for their technical evaluation.

Sincerely,

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