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Region 1
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE - PROMPT NOTIFICATION

Confirming R. S. Fleischmann's conversation with Mr. Cowgill, Region 1, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission on July 17, 1980.

Reference: Docket No. 50-278
Peach Bottom Unit 3
Technical Specification References: 3.11.D.2 & 6.9.2.a (9)

Report No. 3-80-16/1P
Occurrence Date: July 17, 1980

Identification of Occurrence:

It was identified that re-analysis of as-built piping determined that pipe support (snubber) 3-10-GB-S44 exceeded the operability criteria.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence:

Inadequate design due to differences between the as-built condition and the seismic analysis input information.

Analysis of Occurrence:

Although the pipe support stresses exceed the operability criteria, the stresses in the associated piping, assuming support failure, are still within operability criteria limits. The safety significance is, therefore, minimal.

Corrective Action:

Hydraulic snubber 3-10-GB-S44 will be replaced with a mechanical snubber and appropriate strengthening of associated support steel will be completed within 72 hours.

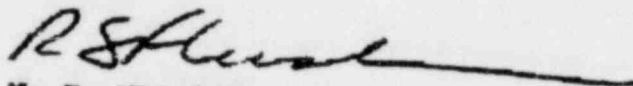
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