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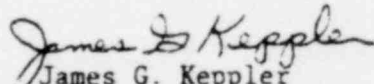
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Should you have any questions regarding this bulletin or the actions required by you, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

  
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IE\_Bulletin No. 80-23: FAILURES OF SOLENOID VALVES MANUFACTURED BY VALCOR  
ENGINEERING CORPORATION

Introduction:

Valcor Engineering Corporation (Valcor) has submitted 10 CFR Part 21 Reports addressing failures of Valcor solenoid valves used at nuclear power facilities. These failures have occurred at nuclear facilities owned by Duke Power Company and Omaha Public Power District, and are purportedly limited to solenoid valves having part numbers (P/N's) V70900-21-1 and V70900-21-3.

The information presented in this bulletin is intended to shed light on the defective solenoid valves so that appropriate actions can be taken to circumvent the degradation of any safety-related system using such solenoid valves.

DISCUSSION:

The specific Valcor solenoid valves addressed herein were purportedly designed as Class IE components. However, in light of the reported failures, it appears that neither the design nor the qualification tests were adequate for Class IE service. Valcor has attributed the failures to a latent defect in the magnet wire. Valcor believes that this defect manifests itself when the solenoid valves are continuously energized at elevated temperatures by an incompatibility between the magnet wire's polyvinyl varnish coating and the wire's polyimide insulation which causes a dielectric breakdown leading to turn-to-turn shorts within the coil.

Valcor states that the above incompatibility is limited to solenoid valves having P/N's V70900-21-1 and V70900-21-3, and that all customers affected by the aforementioned defect have been notified. A listing of Valcor customers so notified and valves purchased follows.

CUSTOMER	P.O. NO.	VALVE P/N	QTY
Anchor-Darling	P-827	V70900-21-1,-3	24
Anchor-Darling	N663	V70900-21-1	6
Cesare Bonetti (Italy)	1535/79	V70900-21-3	10
Duke Power Company	E95188-11	V70900-21-3	100
Duke (Mill Power)	C-97733	V70900-21-1,-3	335
Duke Power Company	E97822-11	V70900-21-3	70
Ralph Hiller	HA-18		
Mill Power	E5246		
Omaha Public Power Dist.	43472		
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