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Attention: Mr. B. H. Faulkenberry  
Chief, Reactor Construction Projects Branch

Gentlemen:

Subject: PROJECT NOS. 3 AND 5  
NRC INSPECTION OF WNP-3 AND WNP-5  
DOCKET NUMBERS 50-508 AND 50-509  
INTERIM REPORT OF POTENTIAL 50.55(e)  
WELD CRACKS IN EMBED PLATES

- References:
- 1) Supply System Record of Telephone Conversation, J. C. Lockhart to D. Kirsch, dated May 12, 1981.
  - 2) Letter, G03-81-2111, R. S. Leddick to B. H. Faulkenberry, same subject, dated June 12, 1981.

On May 12, 1981 your office was notified by telephone of a potential 50.55(e) concerning cracks discovered in welds of the Reactor Auxiliary Building embed plates supplied by Fought Company of Portland, Oregon. As an evaluation of this problem was not completed within 30 days, an interim report was provided on June 12, 1981.

Since June 12, 1981 the scope of the evaluation has been greatly expanded to include other types of embed plates fabricated by Fought. For this reason the evaluation has not been completed as anticipated and no conclusions as to the reportability under 10CFR50.55(e) have been determined. We will provide a final report by August 15, 1981.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

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