

SNUPPS

Standardized Nuclear Unit
Power Plant System

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SUBJ: Bergen Paterson Pipe Supports:
Significant Deficiency Report

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Gentlemen:

On October 9, 1981, Mr. Richard Knop, Region III, USNRC, was advised of a Significant Deficiency involving Bergen Paterson sway struts delivered for use on the Callaway and Wolf Creek units. The deficiencies involve failure of Bergen Paterson Size No. 6 and Size No. 15 sway strut units to provide the cone of movement required by design specifications. These deficiencies were identified in the course of inspection at the two job-sites and were reported per 10CFR50.55(e) as a generic problem applicable to both SNUPPS units. Mr. Knop was advised that a written report would be submitted within the 30 day limit specified by governing regulations.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC of a delay in submittal of the anticipated report. The reason for this delay is to permit a series of tests to be performed by Bergen Paterson to determine the functional and safety significance of the reported deficiencies. The test program anticipated will simulate worse case installed conditions for both the No. 6 and No. 15 units, subjecting them to loading up to a faulted condition. The results of this testing will be analyzed in order to accurately determine the significance of the reported deficiencies.

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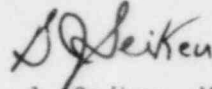
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The test will be performed this month; a final report is anticipated in early December and will be forwarded to the NRC at that time. If for any reason a delay beyond this time frame is anticipated, NRC will be promptly advised and a further extension requested.

Very truly yours,



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