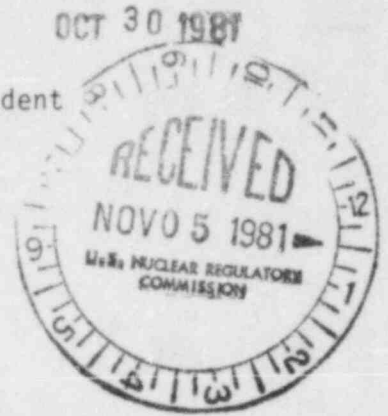


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Dear Mr. Mittl:

This is in response to your letter of September 17, 1981 requesting that we reconsider our position, stated in our August 5, 1981 letter, with regard to separate test cycles for splice operators. We are aware of the NRC July, 1981 notification withdrawing, among others, Regulatory Guide 1.10 and that the notification stated that the current regulatory position on cadwelding would be covered by ANSI N45.2.5 per Regulatory Guide 1.94.

However, the withdrawal letter also stated that: "[w]ithdrawal of these guides is in no way intended to alter any prior or existing licensing commitments based on their use." Accordingly, our position relative to this matter remains as stated in our August 5, 1981 letter.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Tedesco, Assistant Director
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