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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II Attn: Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator 101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

BELLEFONCE NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1 - OVERPRESSURIZATION OF MAKEUP AND PURIFICATION PIPING AND VALVES - BLRD-50-438/82-40 - FIRST INTERIM REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector D. Quick on May 28, 1982 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e) as NCR 1808. Enclosed is our first interim report. We expect to submit our next report by August 9, 1982.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with R. H. Shell at FTS 858-2688.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

L. M. Mills, Manager Nuclear Licensing

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ENCLOSURE

BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1

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## Description of Deficiency

During a recent preflush leak test, the piping and valves on the suction side of the unit 1 makeup pumps were inadvertently subjected to a pressure of 1530 lb/in g. The pressure was applied in increments of 200 lb/in after an initial pressurization of 100 lb/in. The design pressure for the subject piping and valves is 675 lb/in.

## Safety Implications

Had this condition remained uncorrected, overpressurization of the makeup and purification system piping and valves could have resulted in the failure of the subject piping. TVA does not know the exact safety implication; thus, TVA assumes overpressurization of the subject piping system has jeopardized its integrity. Therefore, the subject condition could adversely affect the safe operation of the plant.

## Interim Progress

TVA is presently determining if any damage was sustained to the subject valves and piping. TVA has notified Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) of the overpressurization to the B&W-supplied equipment and has requested B&W to provide a recommended disposition.