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CONTROL DATA CORPORATION

June 15, 1982


Mr. Victor Stelto, Director Office of Inspection \& Enforcement Nuclear Regulatory Commission 7735 old Georgetown Road Bethesda, MD 20814


Dear Mr. Stello:

In my letter of May 27,1982 , I reported that an error condition has been detected in the computer program PIPERUP V.1.3 on the NOS operating system. Further investigation has produced information which corrects and clarifies the previously reported error condition.

The condition which produces incorrect results occurs only when multiple analyses are executed in the same PIPERUP job stream. This condition was encountered when an analyst attempted to run the entire PIPERUP verification problem set in the same job. It is our understanding that, in practice, PIPERUP users would not run multiple analyses in a single job stream.

Enclosed is a copy of Control Data's letter of clarification which is being sent to each of the customers who were previously notified of the problem. The clarification of the problem and revised corrective action are described in the enclosed notice to customers.

The information included in this letter was obtained by the undersigned on June 11, 1982. Further information is available by contacting Margo Berg, Quality Assurance Department, Control Data Corporation, 8100-34th Avenue S., P.O. Box O, Mail Station HQC02O, Minneapolis, MN 55440, telephone (612) 853-6327.

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In my letter of May 26,1982 , I reported that an error condition has been detected in the computer program PIPERUP V.l.3 on the NOS operating system. Following is information which corrects and clarifies the previously reported error condition.

It has been determined that to date PIPERUP has not experienced problems with array initialization. The condition which produces incorrect results occurs only when multiple analyses are executed in the same PIPERUP job stream. This condition was encountered when an analyst attempted to run the entire PIPERUP verification problem set in the same job. Specifically, the problem may occur when other programs and procedures are executed in the same job stream prior to PIPERUP, including buck-to-back PIPERUP runs. Scratch files remaining from prior executions could contaminate disc space used by PIPERUP and produce unpredictable results.

This additional information greatly simplifies the situation and minimizes the customer effort required to check analyses performed on the NOS operating system. In all likelihood, most users will remain unaffected by this. It is our understanding from the analysis of our PIPERUP users that, in practice, engineers would not run multiple analyses of PIPERUP in a single job.

Users should not attempt to run multiple data decks or execute programs or procedures prior to a PIPERUP analysis, in a single PIPERUP job stream without the necessary control cards to rewind disc files after each analysis. If you have questions regarding the correct usaga of PIPERUP or require additional information, please contact one of the following:

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