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Mr. M. I. Lewis
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

This letter is in response to your recent inquiry regarding the present status of the BWR scram discharge volume pipe break safety concerns described in NUREG-0785. Since issuance of the subject report, the NRC staff has had the opportunity to obtain and review additional information provided by the reactor vendor -- the General Electric Company. The results of the staff's evaluation of this issue is provided in NUREG-0803, "Generic Safety Evaluation Report Regarding Integrity of BWR Scram System Piping," dated August 1981. The report was transmitted to all BWR applicants for construction permits, holders of construction permits, applicants for operating licenses and licensees.

The report contains guidance for resolving the outstanding issues on a plant-by-plant basis in a manner which is acceptable to the NRC staff. The report also provides the basis for the determination that operation of the affected plants is adequately safe when the guidance is met. NUREG-0803 requires that the nuclear utilities take certain actions which must be documented in a report to be submitted to the NRC for review.

When these reports are received by the NRC, it is the intent of this office to review a small sample for adequacy. A copy of NUREG-0803 may be seen in the local public document room of the BWR nuclear plant closest to you or it may be obtained on request through the NRC's Public Document Room. I hope that this letter adequately responds to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

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