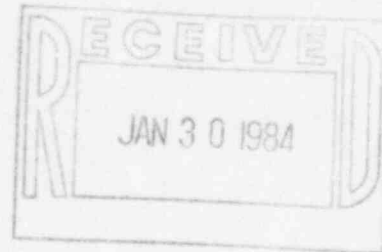


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Dear Mr. Collins:

South Texas Project
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. STN 50-498, STN 50-499
Report Concerning the Auxiliary
Feedwater Pump Wearing Rings

On December 27, 1983, pursuant to 10CFR50.55(e), Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) notified your office of an item concerning the auxiliary feedwater (AFW) pumps supplied to the South Texas Project (STP). The Bingham-Willamette Company (BWC) had notified the NRC pursuant to 10CFR21 concerning the failure of the first stage impeller wear rings of a pump at another nuclear facility (Palo Verde). The STP utilizes AFW pumps that are the same model number as those that failed.

We have received written information from BWC that has confirmed that the wear ring failure at Palo Verde is an isolated incident. Therefore, the BWC 10CFR21 notification is not applicable to the STP, and this item is not reportable pursuant to 10CFR50.55(e).

If you should have any questions concerning this item, please contact Mr. Michael E. Powell at (713) 993-1328.

Very truly yours,

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