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MIDLAND RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 82-22-20
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REFERENCE J G KEPPLER LETTER TO J W COOK DATED 2/8/83

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter that was written to the ASME code committee requesting an interpretation to portions of Section III. This letter was written to clarify issues raised at a meeting with you and Mr H Livermore in an attempt to close out unresolved item 20 from NRC Inspection Report 82-22.

When the reply is received from the ASME, we will arrange another meeting with you to present the Consumers Power Company position.

We request that you allow us an extension to respond to this unresolved item as the ASME may not provide a timely response to our letter.

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ATTENTION: Mr Kevin Ennis

Please provide an interpretation to the following ASME Code rule:

Scope: Section III, 1971 Edition thru Summer 73 Addenda, Article ND 5000, Subarticle ND 5200 Examination of Welds

Background: **ND-5220 PIPING, PUMPS AND VALVES**
All pressure-retaining welded piping, pumps and valves greater than 4 in. nominal pipe size shall be examined by either the magnetic particle, liquid penetrant or radiographic method. Acceptance standards shall be those stated in NB-5000.

Inquiry: Under the rules of Section III, 1971 Edition thru Summer of 1973 Addenda, is NDE required for pressure-retaining Class 3, Category "B", Circumferential welds in piping, pumps and valves for 4 inch nominal pipe size and smaller?

Proposed Reply: NDE is not required for Class 3, Category "B" Circumferential welds in piping, pumps, and valves for 4 inch nominal pipe size and smaller.

Please send the reply to this inquiry to:

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We appreciate your assistance in clarifying this requirement.

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