

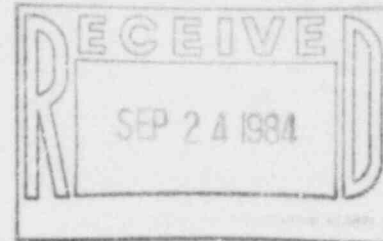


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Mr. D.R. Hunter, Chief
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KMLNRC 84-163
Re: Docket No. STN 50-482
Ref: Interim Report KMLNRC 84-018 dated 2/17/84
from GLKoester, KG&E, to JEGagliardo, NRC
Subj: Potential 10CFR50.55(e) Final Report -
Longitudinal Weld Defects

Dear Mr. Hunter:

This letter provides the final report on a potential 10CFR50.55(e) concerning stainless steel pipe welded without filler material. This matter was initially reported by Mr. Harold Chernoff of Kansas Gas and Electric Company (KG&E) to Mr. Michael Murphy of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV, on January 20, 1984.

The potential for weld defects in pipe welded without filler material was first identified in I&E Bulletin 79-03, "Longitudinal Weld Defects in ASME SA-312, Type 304 Stainless Steel Pipe...". As a result of this Bulletin, all SA-312, Type 304 stainless steel pipe at Wolf Creek Generating Station was downgraded for use only in non-safety-related systems. However, a few instances were discovered where this material had been used in safety-related applications.

Bulletins 79-03 and 79-03A indicated that piping of the type described could be utilized in locations where design hoop stress did not exceed 85% of the hoop stress allowed by ASME code. An investigation into this matter revealed that none of the subject piping was installed where design hoop stresses would exceed 85% of the ASME Code allowable stresses. In addition, all Constructor procured SA-312, Type 304 stainless steel pipe was identified and removed from the Heat Code Printout as ASME pipe class material to prevent future inadvertent use.

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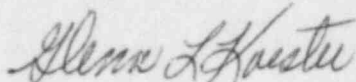
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As a result of the aforementioned activities, KG&E deems that no further action is necessary. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Mr. Otto Maynard of my staff.

Yours very truly,



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