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Dr. Thomas E. Murley, Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
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Dear Dr. Murley:

NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-354/84-06  
NO. 1 UNIT  
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

Your letter dated May 31, 1984, transmitted the above referenced Inspection Report which contained a Notice of Violation citing two items of noncompliance. In accordance with your instructions, the following response addresses Item A of the Notice of Violation.

As described in the referenced Inspection Report, pipe restraint No. 1-P-BE-009-H35 was inspected and accepted by Quality Control; although its installation was not in accordance with the applicable drawings and specifications.

Corrective Steps Taken and Results Achieved

We have determined that the cause of the violation was a misunderstanding of the governing specification requirements by one Quality Control Engineer. All other rear bracket attachments on pipe supports previously inspected by the same individual have been reinspected. All were found to be installed in accordance with the design drawings.

Bechtel, our Architect/Engineer and Constructor, has issued Nonconformance Report (NCR) No. 3879 to document the discrepancy. Bechtel's Project Engineering has determined that the as-built position of the support bracket is acceptable and the NCR has been dispositioned accordingly, to use "as-is".

Corrective Steps Taken to Preclude Recurrence

On May 4, and May 6, 1984, Quality Control Engineers responsible for inspection of pipe supports were given additional training in the specification requirements that govern field changes to design. We have verified that these requirements are included in the initial training sessions provided to new Quality Control Engineers.

On June 21, 1984, the topic of field changes to design was addressed in a training session for field engineers responsible for pipe support installation. A PSE&G Quality Assurance representative attended this training session.

Date of Full Compliance

Completion of corrective action, including verification activities by Bechtel Quality Assurance, is scheduled for August 1, 1984.

Very truly yours,



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