Docket No. 50-352

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Gentlemen:

Subject: NDE Van Inspection Finding

Reference: Region I Inspection 50-352/84-29

The purpose of this letter is to document our concerns regarding the timely resolution of the NDE Van inspection findings relating to pipe weld "lack of fusion" indications identified during your ASME Code, Section XI, preservice examinations at Limerick, Unit No. 1. This matter was discussed in a telephone conversation with Messrs. J. Durr and R. Gallo of the Region I staff and your-self on July 31, 1984.

Your request for relief from the requirements of the ASME Code, Section XI, identified in Attachment 2, paragraphs 19 and 20, of your letter, J. Kemper to A. Schwencer, dated June 6, 1984, appears to be inappropriate. It is our understanding that preservice examinations were made while the piping systems were still under the jurisdiction of ASME Code, Section III. Defects in piping identified during construction must be dispositioned in accordance with the governing construction code. We have have contacted the cognizant Nuclear Reactor Regulation review office for this matter and further review of your relief request will be made pending resolution of this matter.

We request that a meeting of our staffs be held in the Region I office during the week of August 6, 1984, to resolve this matter as quickly as possible. Contact Jacque P. Durr, 215-337-5282, of my staff for coordination of the meeting details.

Original Signed By;

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