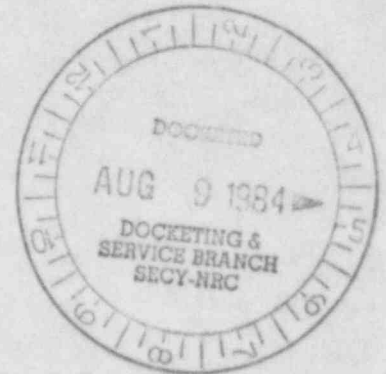


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Mr. Boyce Grier, Director
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406



Subject: USNRC IE;I Letter dated May 10, 1978
Re: Site Inspection of March 30 and April 3-7, 1978
Inspection Report No. 50-352/78-03
Limerick Generating Station - Units 1 & 2
File: Qual 1-2-2 (352/78-03)

Dear Mr. Grier:

In response to the subject letter regarding an item identified during the subject inspection of construction activities authorized by NRC License Nos. CPPR-106 and -107, we transmit herewith the following:

Attachment I - Response to Appendix A

Should you have any questions concerning this item, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

V. S. Boyer
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ATTACHMENT I

Response to Item of Noncompliance

Infraction

10CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, states, in part, that: "Activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented instructions, procedures, or drawings...and shall be accomplished in accordance with these instructions, procedures, or drawings."

The Limerick PSAR, Appendix D, Quality Assurance Program, Paragraph D.6.4, states, in part, that: "Bechtel Construction Department...is responsible for construction of the plant to approved engineering specifications, drawings, and procedures..."

Liquid Penetrant Test Procedure IPPT-340-39-02, Revision C of the Peabody Testing, Inc., a testing subcontractor for the Bechtel Construction Department, states, in part, that "Any indication in excess of the acceptance standards (1/16") which is believed to be nonrelevant, shall be regarded as a defect and shall be re-examined to verify whether or not actual defects are present."

Contrary to the above, on April 7, 1978, a liquid penetrant test performed on pipe weld HBC-183-1-FW-8 resulted in developed indications in excess of the acceptance standard of 1/16" and it was not verified if actual defects were present.

Response

On April 11, 1978 a liquid penetrant test was again performed on pipe weld HBC-183-1-FW-8. The test was performed by a qualified examiner and was witnessed by two persons qualified to SNT-TC-1A Level III and by the Authorized Inspector. Neither the examiner nor the witnesses observed any indications which exceeded the acceptance standard of 1/16". The report of this test, which states that the weld is acceptable, is on file.

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