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Duquesne Light Company
ATTN: Mr. J. D. Sieber
Vice President - Nuclear Group
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Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence recently received by this office which appears to allege that some stress analyses performed by one of your contractors in the 1980-time frame may have been inadequate.

It is requested that Duquesne Light Company review the circumstances surrounding this document and provide a report of your findings and conclusions within thirty days of receipt of this letter.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James T. Wiggins

James T. Wiggins, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch No. 3

Enclosure:

Memorandum, Bal Gupta to Chuck McCullough, dated December 24, 1980

cc w/encl:

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December 24, 1980

ENCLOSURE

TO: CHUCK MCCULLOUGH
FROM: BAL GUPTA

Chuck, this memo is to give you some insight into the dangerous position that we are in at the present time and to suggest to you some corrective actions that must be taken immediately. We were awarded a very large (multi million dollar) contract from Duquesne Light Company to subcontract most of it to NSC Corporation, however, for business reasons I cut off NSC to keep most of the money in our corporation. Then suddenly we found out that the job was beyond our capabilities. We somewhat struggled to complete the scope of work. Due to tremendous tight schedule we could not train our employees in fundamentals and systems of nuclear plants. This work was inside the nuclear containment and primarily nuclear safety related.

Now it is coming out that we did not ask questions. For example, three pumps which we assumed to be stationary are actually moving $\pm 2\%$ and, therefore, the piping related to it was overstressed. We have informed DLC of this OS situation. However, it is imperative that an immediate training program be implemented and that we go back and review our work at our expense. To knowingly avoid this will be a criminal offense under Code of Federal Regulations 10CFR21 and to CFR50.

The risks of NRC fines which are very steep or shut down of power plant are too great to fool around with this sort of problem. We are still working on these nuclear safety related systems at BVPs #1 and 2. I request your concurrence to start the implementation of the above said training program immediately.

Please don't hesitate to call upon me if you need more information.

(Beaver Valley)

EXHIBIT "A"