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Mr. Boyce R. Grier
Director, Region I
Office of Inspection & Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406

SUBJECT: NRC Region I Letter dated November 29, 1978
RE: IE Bulletin No. 78-12 "Atypical Weld
Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds
Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353

FILE: GOVT 1-1 (IE Bulletin 78-12)

Dear Mr. Grier:

This is in response to your letter of September 29, 1978, which forwarded I. E. Bulletin 78-12. This bulletin requests information concerning reactor vessel weld materials and reactor vessel fabrication and suggests that the information search be performed by the reactor pressure vessel manufacturer.

The licensee's source for the information requested is through General Electric Company, our nuclear steam system supplier. The General Electric Company advises us this request is for a substantial amount of detailed shop information and estimates completion of this task will require six months per vessel.

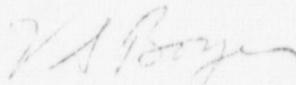
General Electric Company has proposed to the NRC staff, by a conference call on November 8, 1978 (W. Cohn GE, R. Brugge GE, and E. Jordan NRC, W. Rutherford NRC), that the most effective and expeditious method of providing the information is on a generic basis by vessel manufacturer. We are actively involved in keeping ourselves abreast of the communications between General Electric Company and the NRC staff in order to resolve the request for information in the most appropriate and expeditious manner.

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Our schedule for satisfying your request will be forwarded to you following resolution of the General Electric Company proposal.

If you have any questions on this matter, do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



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