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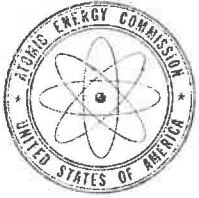
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Re: Appendix J to 10 CFR 50

Dear Mr. Simpson:

We have received your letter of May 30, 1973 and are reviewing your comment on Appendix J. We have been receiving a substantial number of comments from numerous sources and consequently, we are planning a revision of Appendix J. We will be able to reply specifically to your comment when we have reviewed the comments we have received from others on the same subject.

Your letter, which will result in clarification of Appendix J, is appreciated.

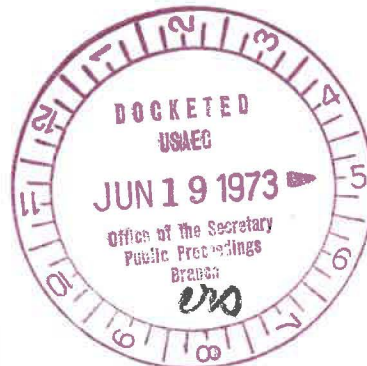
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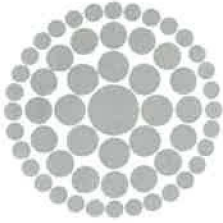
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Secretary of the Commission
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Attention: Chief, Public Proceedings Staff

Dear Sir:

Our review of the new Appendix J, "Primary Reactor Containment Leakage Testing For Water-Cooled Power Reactors", contained in the February 14, 1973 issue of the Federal Register, has prompted us to question the consistency of Sections III. A.1.(a) and IV. A.

Section III. A.1.(a), of the new Appendix J, states that during the period between the initiation of the containment inspection (in accordance with V.A.) and the performance of the Type A test, no repairs or adjustments shall be made so that the containment can be tested in as close to the "as is" condition as practical. However, Section V.A. states that a general inspection of the accessible interior and exterior surfaces of the containment structures and components shall be performed prior to any Type A test to uncover any evidence of structural deterioration which may affect either the containment structural integrity or leak-tightness. Section V.A. further states that if there is evidence of structural deterioration, Type A tests shall not be performed until corrective action is taken in accordance with repair procedures, non-destructive examinations, and tests as specified in the applicable code specified in 50.55a at the commencement of repair work. These two Sections, namely III. A.1.(a) and V. A., appear to be contradictory and therefore require clarification.

Please advise as to the correct interpretation of these two sections.

Very truly yours,

E. C. Simpson, Engineer
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