

October 29, 2001

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SUBJECT: R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
SUMMARY RE: RESPONSES TO BULLETIN 2001-01, "CIRCUMFERENTIAL
CRACKING OF REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEAD PENETRATION
NOZZLES" (TAC NO. MB2632)

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

On August 3, 2001, the NRC staff issued Bulletin 2001-01, "Circumferential Cracking of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Penetration Nozzles" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML012080284) to the industry requesting that addressees provide information related to the structural integrity of the reactor pressure vessel head penetration (VHP) nozzles for their respective facilities, including the extent of VHP nozzle leakage and cracking that has been found to date, the inspections and repairs that have been undertaken to satisfy applicable regulatory requirements, and the basis for concluding that their plans for future inspections will ensure compliance with applicable regulatory requirements at their respective pressurized-water reactor plants. The Bulletin requested a response from addressees within 30 days of issuance.

In response to Bulletin 2001-01, you provided information via letter dated September 4, 2001 (ADAMS Accession No. ML012500040). Subsequently, a call was held on October 5, 2001, to discuss your response. You stated that you intend to submit supplemental information to your Bulletin response regarding your plans for future inspections of VHPs. You also stated that you are undertaking a technical evaluation that may justify not inspecting the VHPs until 2003, at which time the vessel head may be replaced. You also stated that the results of this evaluation may lead you to perform the inspections recommended in Bulletin 2001-01.

The NRC staff is open to reviewing any new and relevant information regarding this issue. In the telephone conference, we expressed that this additional information should be shared with the staff as soon as practicable to facilitate our understanding of your technical evaluation. It was agreed that a meeting to discuss this issue would be scheduled for middle to late November 2001.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this issue, please contact me via telephone at (301) 415-2297, or e-mail at RLC2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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