

February 17, 2009

Mr. Paul Marbaix, President
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SUBJECT: NRC RESPONSE TO THE WEIR VALVES & CONTROLS USA
INCORPORATED JANUARY 14, 2009, LETTER REGARDING NRC
INSPECTION REPORT 99900746/2008-201

Dear Mr. Marbaix:

Thank you for your letter dated January 14, 2009, in response to the Notice of Violation (NOV) and Notice of Nonconformance (NON) that were discussed in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Inspection Report 99900746/2008-201 for an NRC staff inspection at the Weir Valves & Controls USA Incorporated (WVC) facility in Ipswich, Massachusetts. The NRC inspection was a limited scope inspection which focused on selected portions of WVC's Quality Assurance program and WVC's 10 CFR Part 21 program. NRC inspection reports are not intended to endorse or approve quality assurance or 10 CFR Part 21 programs.

We have reviewed your letter and find that your reply to the NOV was responsive to our concerns. We have no further questions regarding the NOV. However, as discussed with Mr. Webb of your staff on February 3, 2009, we find that your actions to determine the scope of the NON may have been too limiting. Although our finding articulated in the NON was limited to one example, WVC certificates of compliance (CofCs) received from other suppliers may also have been inadequately verified by WVC receipt inspectors. During the February 3rd telephone conversation, Mr. Webb committed to identifying other suppliers who provided CofCs to WVC, and committed to determine whether similar discrepancies were found. Your staff also committed to process any findings within WVC's corrective action process. As a result, further correspondence is not required unless WVC identifies significant issues during its review of other supplier's CofCs. We may review the implementation of your corrective action during a future NRC inspection to determine that full compliance was achieved and will be maintained.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, and requests for withholding," a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If you or your staff has any questions regarding this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you. Please contact Mr. Joseph Petrosino at (301) 415-2979 if you have any questions or need assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Patrick L. Hiland, Director
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