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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region I  
475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

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SUBJECT: Reply to a Notice of Violation; IA-06-045

*1/23/07*  
Dear Mr. Collins:

This letter provides my response to Notice of Violation IA-06-045. I have reviewed the information provided. I accept full responsibility for the action identified, and do not contest the Notice of Violation. At the time that I spoke with your inspectors, I felt that the FENOC procedure regarding design changes was ambiguous with regards to what my signature on this particular design change represented. I also experienced difficulty in obtaining verifiable information from supporting groups in a timely fashion (perceived schedule pressure). However, now that I have had time to think about the events, I realize that I made a serious error. I am an experienced engineer in the nuclear power industry, and should have known better.

I no longer provide any services to FENOC, and am thus unable to provide any corrective actions to the Design Change in question. Since my last letter to you, I have reviewed relevant regulatory material regarding misconduct, including training material I was able to obtain. These corrective actions are complete, and thus full compliance with them has been achieved.

I would like to reiterate that I have learned a serious lesson. This is an embarrassment to me, and I continue to deal with consequences of this event.

Thank you for your consideration of this response. I would like to reiterate my previous statement that I do accept full responsibility for my actions.

If I may be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*James E. Hesler, Jr.*  
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