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October 6, 1980

Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
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Region II - Suite 3100
101 Marietta Street
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

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VISUAL INSPECTION PROGRAM DOES NOT COMPLY WITH CODE REQUIREMENTS;
INFRACTION 50-438,439/80-14-02 - MAGNETIC PARTICLE EXAMINATION PROCEDURES
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ENCLOSURE

BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2
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RESPONSE TO NRC DEFICIENCY

Deficiency 50-438,439/80-14-03

As required by 10 CFR 50.55(e), "The holder of a construction permit shall within 24 hours notify the appropriate Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspection and Enforcement Regional Office of each reportable deficiency."

Contrary to the above, on June 2, 1980, the licensee had taken more than 10 days to report deficiencies in safety-related structural welds which had been accepted by the licensee QC inspectors. The problem was identified by QC investigation report to licensee management on nonconformance report dated May 21, 1980, and reported on June 2, 1980. (The handling of the NCR report was listed as an unresolved item during our inspection on May 27-30, 1980 as reported in our letter of June 24, 1980.)

This is a deficiency. A similar item was brought to your attention in our letter dated June 6, 1980.

Corrective Action Taken and Results Achieved

As addressed in the L. M. Mills to J. P. O'Reilly letters dated June 30 and July 22, 1980, in response to deficiency 50-438,439/80-07-02, TVA investigated the time between discovery of a potential concern and the issue of an NCR. As a result of this investigation, a discussion with appropriate TVA upper management employees on timely reporting was conducted. This discussion was followed by formal documentation from the Office of Engineering Design and Construction (OEDC) manager's office to reiterate the importance of timeliness and accuracy in identification and reporting of NCR's.

TVA will hold discussions with each individual construction site on timely reporting of NCR's.

Steps Taken to Avoid Further Recurrence

The discussions addressed above plus issuance of formal documentation outlining specific guidelines for timeliness in the initiation and determination of significance of NCR's on nonconforming conditions were initiated to ensure that such matters are identified and investigated expeditiously.

Date of Full Compliance

Formal documentation was issued on September 3, 1980, and specific guidelines on prompt identification and documentation of NCR's were identified to organizations in OEDC on September 5, 1980.

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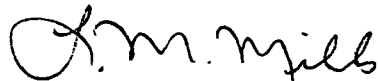
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