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POTENTIAL DEFECT IN QUALTECH NP SAFETY RELATED MOTOR CONTROL CENTER BUCKETS

The following information was received via facsimile from QualTech NP:

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"Based on review of our records, Tennessee Valley Authority is the only customer to have these defective modules."

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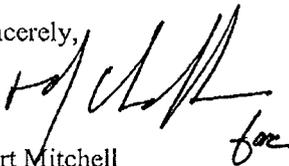
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Additional details will be provided in the formal written report. Please contact Tim Franchuk at 513-528-7900 ext. 176 (office), 803-422-2927 (cell) or via email tfranchuk@curtisswright.com for any additional information.

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