

October 3, 2013

Mr. Bill Ross, Quality Assurance Manager
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SUBJECT: VENDOR INSPECITON OF ENERSYS

Mr. Ross:

This letter documents the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's plan to perform an inspection of EnerSys to review implementation of your quality assurance program in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix B and 10 CFR Part 21. Specifically, the quality assurance program will be reviewed as it pertains to EnerSys's design process, manufacturing, and testing for batteries supplied to operating nuclear power plants and the design, qualification, and testing program for batteries being qualified for the AP1000 new reactor design. As discussed during the call on September 18, 2013, the inspectors plan to arrive at the Hays, Kansas facility, on Monday, November 4, 2013, and will conduct the inspection through Friday, November 8, 2013. The lead inspector will make an on-site visit in Reading, PA, on October 16, 2013, to obtain documentation and/or information to prepare for the inspection. Subsequent to the inspection, a report will be issued and transmitted to you via letter. The lead inspector for this effort is Ms. Stacy Smith; you may contact her via electronic mail at Stacy.Smith@nrc.gov.

On October 1, 2013, the Federal Government (except for excepted functions) shutdown and many civilian Federal Employees were furloughed. The NRC plans to continue normal operations until approximately October 7, 2013 and has initiated the efforts for reduced levels of operations. When the NRC appropriations no longer support normal operations, the NRC plans to operate at a reduced level for some period of time and begin a minimal maintenance and monitoring mode in which the NRC will continue to carry out its responsibility to protect the health and safety of the public. During the lapse of agency appropriations, NRC vendor inspections will be impacted. This could result in postponement or cancellation of the planned inspection activities described above. If funding is not restored prior to the date of your inspection the inspection will be cancelled. Once the agency returns to normal operations, the NRC staff will inform you if there will be any changes to the inspection schedule.

The NRC has issued Regulatory Issue Summary 2013-16 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System Accession No. ML110550923) to provide additional information during the lapse of agency appropriations. If you have additional questions regarding the NRC actions discussed above, please contact Mr. Richard Rasmussen at 301-415-1340.

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Sincerely,

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