

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 25, 2014

Mr. Greg Orff, General Manager Cives Steel Company Southern Division 102 Airport Road Thomasville, GA 31757

SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 2-2013-007

Dear Mr. Orff:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine if the actions of a Cives Steel Company (Cives) Quality Control (QC) Manager and other Cives employees were willful regarding the following:

- 1. Non-conformance reports (NCRs) and Notices of Unsatisfactory Conditions (NUCs) were not filed as required despite knowledge that they should be filed.
- 2. The Cives QC manager reported that inspections were completed that actually were not.
- 3. The Cives QC manager knowingly shipped non-conforming items to Shaw (now Chicago Bridge & Iron) at the Vogtle Nuclear Plant.
- 4. A Cives QC Inspector used a modified measuring tape to "cheat" on measurements so that parts that were nonconforming would pass inspection.

Based upon the evidence developed during the investigation, the NRC did not substantiate the above concerns.

In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response, if any, will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html (i.e., the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Dori Willis, Senior Allegations Coordinator of NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, toll free at (800) 368-5642.

Sincerely,

(/RA by M. C. Cheok)

Mr. Michael C. Cheok, Director Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs Office of New Reactors If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Dori Willis, Senior Allegations Coordinator of NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, toll free at (800) 368-5642.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Michael C. Cheok, Director Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs Office of New Reactors

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