

July 5, 2016

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Mr. Michael G. Lenio, Director of Quality
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SUBJECT: ASCO VALVE, INC. – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISPUTED NOTICE OF
NONCONFORMANCE – NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
INSPECTION REPORT 99901054/2016-201

Dear Mr. Lenio:

This letter acknowledges your June 9, 2016 (ML16168A101) letter sent to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that provided a response to NRC inspection report (IR) 99901054/2016-201, issued on April 15, 2016 (ML16069A059), concerning activities conducted at your facility in Aiken, SC. Your letter contested two examples of the notice of nonconformance (NON) issued with this report.

The two examples contested within NON 99901054/2016-201-01 are for; (1) the failure to translate identified critical characteristics to an acceptance method plan, resulting in commercial-grade surveys performed without verification of the material identification critical characteristic for elastomers procured commercially, and (2) the failure to verify identified critical characteristics established in a commercial-grade dedication testing acceptance plan. The NRC will carefully review the basis for our initial conclusions along with any new information provided in your letter to confirm the validity of the NONs. Accordingly, we will inform you as soon as we complete our evaluation.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding," of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records System component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access

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Sincerely,

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