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SUBJECT: Part 21 rept re multiple failures of Enertech supplied BW/IP pressure switches relative to NMP notification to NRC. Every switch tested by util & found unacceptable. Enertech issued return matl authorization 2263 to control & track switches.

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May 16, 1997
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Re: BW/IP Pressure Switch

Dear Sir:

In a telephone conference on May 2, 1997, we discussed resolution of issues regarding multiple failures of Enertech supplied BW/IP pressure switches relative to NMPC's notification to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) under 10CFR Part 21 on February 20, 1997. The substance of our discussion was to address Enertech's requests for NMPC to provide certain information to support Enertech's follow-up investigations and root cause analyses. In summary, our agreements were as follows:

- 1. Every switch that was tested by Nine Mile and found unacceptable. (Enertech has issued a return Material Authorization #2263 to control and track the returned switches).

Solution: NMPC will ship six switches to Enertech. (Completed 5/7/97)

- 2. All records of Calibration for the as found condition of both the unacceptable switches and the installed switches.

Solution: (Tentative pending Enertech approval by upper management.) Enertech to send representative to Nine Mile Site. NMPC to provide facilitator to assure representative gets access and copy of whatever is needed.

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- 3. Procurement documentation including all supplier certifications for each switch that has been found unacceptable.

Solution: Procurement Documents for six switches being returned will be provided. Completed with one exception which was "okayed" by John DeKleine.

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4. All written communication to employees of Enertech or BW/IP related to switch problems or concerns.

Solution: None available, however, several telecons between Enertech and NMPC had occurred.

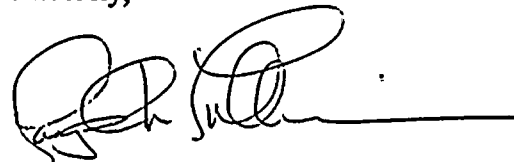
5. Maintenance Records related to switch problems reported by your employees.

Solution: (Tentative pending Enertech approval by upper management.) Enertech to send representative to Nine Mile Site. NMPC to provide facilitator to assure representative gets access and copy of whatever is needed.

While I am disappointed that Enertech felt it necessary to [appeal to the NRC for assistance] in resolving these issues, I fully understand your need for pertinent information to proceed with a timely investigation. Prior to our conversation you made several unsuccessful attempts to discuss and reach agreement with the Niagara Mohawk Staff on the scope and timing of information and/or materials to be provided. It is unfortunate that these issues were not resolved in a more timely fashion. In that light, I would suggest that Enertech brought [or escalated] this matter to my attention directly, we could have reached an equitable solution earlier.

I will continue to monitor the progress of actions defined above. If you have reason to believe that Niagara Mohawk is not responding to these issues as agreed, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (315) 349-7275.

Sincerely,



Joseph Wm. Sullivan
Manager of Nuclear Procurement

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