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Docket Nos. 50-387  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Combined Inspection 50-387/80-06; 50-388/80-04

This refers to your letter dated August 21, 1980, in response to our letter dated July 21, 1980.

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter. These actions are being examined during subsequent inspections of your licensed program.

In reference to your disagreement with the classification of noncompliance Item C, tubing support bracket, as an infraction because the item had not been submitted for Quality Control inspection, it is not a requirement of Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspections that licensee Quality Control inspection be completed before the NRC inspect an item or activity. Nor is it a requirement that the licensee be offered the opportunity to detect errors at multiple levels of checking and/or inspection before the NRC cite on an item or activity. In the case in question, the original error, failure to provide clear instructions on the drawing, had already escaped one level of checking, namely design checking. It seems reasonable to assume that the apparent resultant failure on the part of the craftsmen to discern the design intent could apply equally as well to Quality Control. Therefore, the classification of this noncompliance as an infraction stands.

In response to our request for a description of actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your quality assurance program for construction, you briefly described a recent organizational change. We are evaluating the impact of this change on your program during subsequent inspections, particularly in terms of the effectiveness of identification of nonconforming conditions and adequate corrective action.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely, .

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