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The attached report by our field inspector of a visit to the subject facility on September 24-28, 1973 is forwarded for information. No violations of AEC requirements were identified.

We believe that the licensee's actions concerning the failure of a Cadweld operator to scribe rebar prior to making splices were adequate and consistent with the information reported to the Director, Regulatory Operations in the licensee's letter dated August 24, 1973. The QA audit findings of the Cadweld work performed by the constructor of the reactor building substructure (referenced in the licensee's letter) led to an extensive examination of all work performed by that contractor. This audit disclosed many documentation deficiencies, especially in Category II and G items. At the time of our inspection, all class I work had been determined by the licensee to be acceptable. The licensee's action of suspending all work by the contractor until all deficiencies were properly resolved appeared prudent in view of the limited work remaining to be completed under the contract and the probable unavailability of responsible personnel after the contractor leaves the site.

The licensee's organizational changes, increased size of the QA staff and the movement of Burns and Roe Project QA Manager from New York to the site, should provide the management involvement and action needed to emphasize to all project personnel that WPPSS is fully committed to building the facility in accordance with the approved QA program requirements.

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