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Docket No. 50-397

Washington Public Power Supply System
P. O. Box 968
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Attention: Mr. G. C. Sorensen, Manager
Regulatory Programs

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION AT WNP-2

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. R. C. Wilson of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, and Mr. W. J. Wagner of this office on September 11-14, 1989. This inspection examined your activities as authorized by NRC License No. NPF-21. Discussions of our findings were held with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and observations by the inspectors.

The enclosed report addresses our review of your reevaluation of the suitability of 10 commercially procured items identified during a previous NRC inspection (Inspection Report 50-397/89-21, dated June 23, 1989) as not having been properly dedicated for safety related applications. During this inspection the inspectors noted that the licensee appears to be taking a strong position that their commercial grade procurement program currently is, and always has been, in full compliance with NRC requirements. The NRC does not agree and is concerned that there have been several meetings and exchanges of correspondence with the licensee which indicate a lack of licensee recognition and understanding of NRC concerns involving commercial grade procurement deficiencies at WNP-2. Specifically:

- a. The NRC has applied limited resources to the review of specific instances of commercial grade procurement and has identified several problem areas. Although the specific examples do not appear to involve significant plant safety concerns, they all involve root causes which imply a generic deficiency in the controls which have been exercised by the licensee over commercial grade procurements.
- b. It is not enough to only upgrade efforts in this area for future procurement activities. It is important to realize that past practices have not been adequate and that further actions are needed to ensure that other examples of greater safety significance do not remain undetected.

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- c. The NRC is concerned with the apparent reluctance of the licensee to aggressively pursue the areas of NRC concern. Specific examples, in this regard, are addressed in the conclusions of detail section of this report.

Enforcement action related to this inspection will be the subject of separate correspondence. The licensee is requested to address the above noted concerns in their response to enforcement action on this matter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed

R. P. Zimmerman, Director
Division of Reactor Safety and Projects

Enclosure:
Inspection Report No. 50-397/89-28

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