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Docket No. 50-397

Washington Public Power Supply System
P. O. Box 968
Richland, Washington 99352

Attention: Mr. G. C. Sorensen
Manager, Regulatory Programs

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. R. C. Sorensen and D. L. Proulx of this office on May 13 - June 23, 1991 of activities authorized by NRC Operating License No. NPF-21, and to the discussions of findings held by the inspectors with Mr. J. Baker and other members of the Supply System 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.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice).

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

Also, as documented in paragraph 4 of the enclosed report, we note that the plant manager has committed to identify and evaluate, prior to plant restart, the source of leakage in the residual heat removal (RHR) system, Train "C", which was discovered during your recent containment integrated leak rate test.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.


The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96.511.

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

Sincerely,


for S. A. Richards, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No. 50-397/91-18

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