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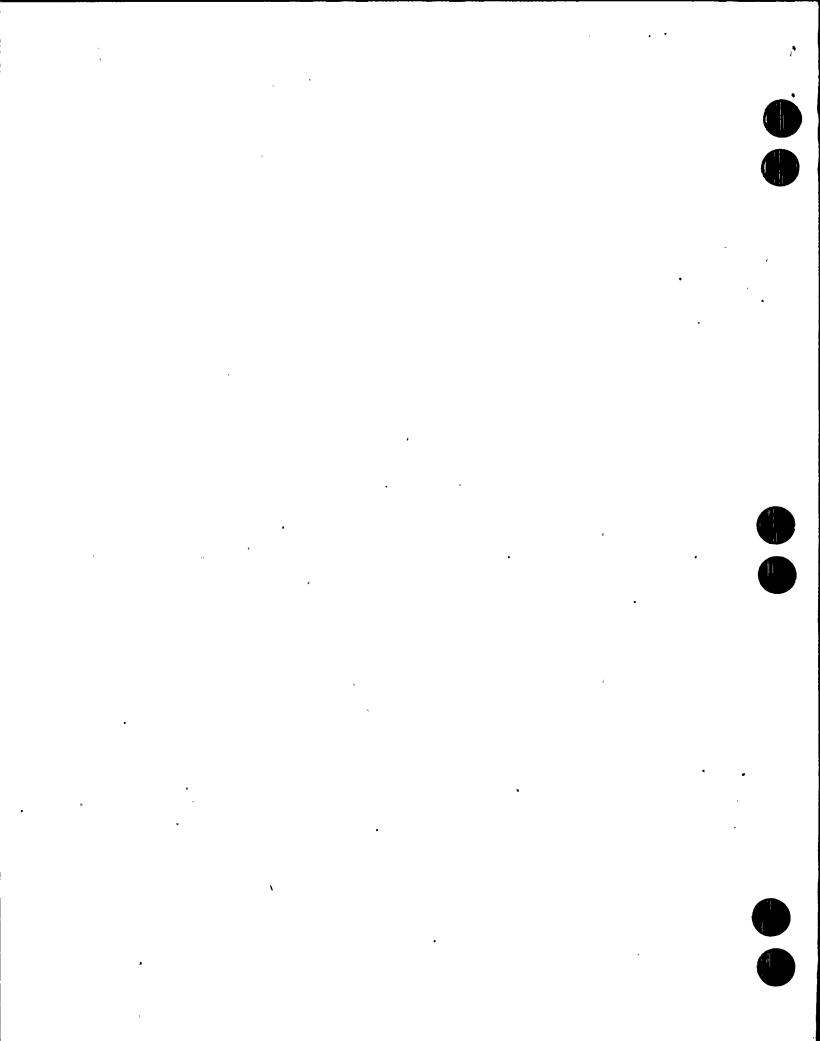
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-397/97-12

Dear Mr. Parrish:

An NRC inspection was conducted May 25 through July 5, 1997, at your Washington Nuclear Project-2 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the 6-week inspection period good performance by the operating crews was noted through a high level of formality in control room activities and timely recognition and response to off-normal events. Improvement over previous refueling outages was also noted in your foreign material controls program for the primary containment. However, a number of minor discrepancies were noted in this area. Recent industry experience on the impact of foreign materials in containment highlights the importance of this program and we encourage you to continue to evaluate your efforts for additional improvements.

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

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

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Gwynn, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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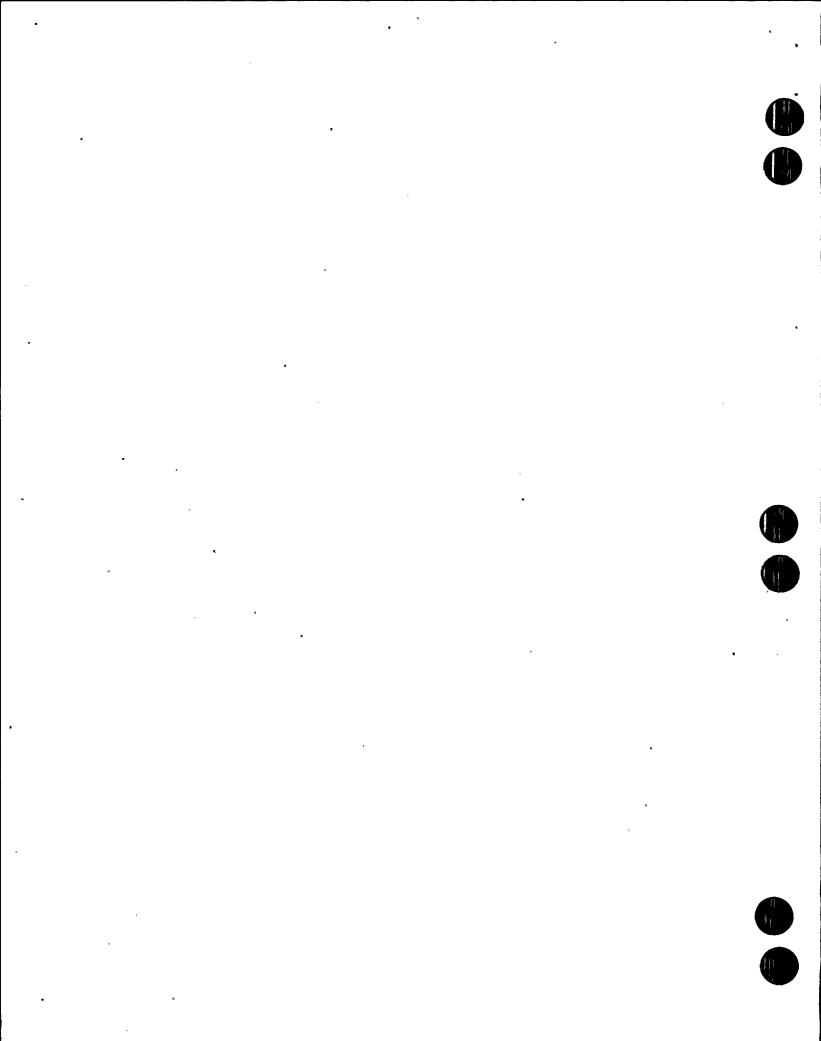
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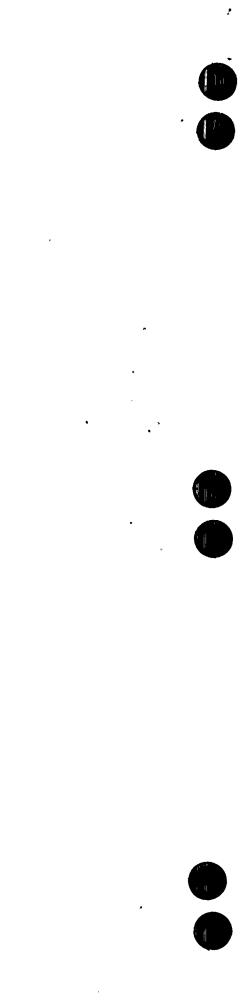
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