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Region IV
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Ref.....Docket Number 99900063/79-02

Dear Mr. Potapovs:

Please find below Pacific Pumps' response to the findings of the NRC inspection performed on October 1 - 5, 1979, as described in your November 6, 1979 report. Responses are referenced to the lettering in the attachment to your report "Notice of Deviation."

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- (1) Immediately upon finding the mixed 5/32 and 3/16 7018 electrodes, the crib attendant was instructed to check all the electrodes in all the ovens. No further incidents were discovered.
- (2) This error is believed to have occurred on the second shift. The attendants on second shift were made aware of the problem as were all the other crib attendants. The following letter was given to each attendant:

"All weld crib attendants are instructed to be exceptionally careful of electrodes returned to the crib. Each returned electrode will be examined by the crib attendant as to size and type before placement in the ovens."

In reviewing this happening, we see that the crib attendants are very rushed at the close of the second shift. In order to alleviate this condition, and give the attendants more time to process the returned materials, we have instituted a procedure in which the crib attendant will be on duty past the normal shift time for the welders.

- (3) The above actions were complete as of 12-3-79.

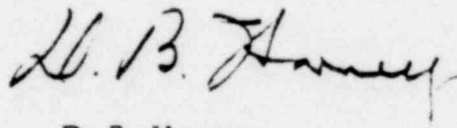
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- (1) Research on this item subsequent to the HRC visit has revealed that even though the Summary of Processes that defined the welding procedure for this operation was not issued to the shop, it had been released for us to Manufacturing Engineering by Product Engineering on 4-13-78. Since the welding foreman did not have the Summary of Processes in his possession to perform this operation, he went to Manufacturing Engineering and used their copy to obtain the necessary information. Operation 40 was performed and documented correctly, therefore no corrective action is required.
- (2) Even though the above operation was carried out in compliance with the specified welding procedure, the Q. A. Manual states that Manufacturing Engineering Department will control the issuance of S.P.'s to the shop (end of Section 5.3). The shop foremen will be instructed to apply procedures to routings only from S.P.'s that have been officially issued to them.
- (3) The above instructions were issued and acknowledged as of 12-6-79.

Yours very truly,



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President

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