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Mr. B. H. Grier, Director
Office of Inspection & Enforcement
Region 1
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 2 (TMI-2)
Operating License No. DPR-73
Docket No. 50-320
Inspection Report No. 78-24

This letter is in response to the subject inspection report resulting from r. Haverkamp's inspection of July 18-21 and July 31-August 3, 1978, and the findings thereof. Below is the response to the infraction referenced in the subject inspection.

Infraction

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criteria V, states in part: "Activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by ... procedures and shall be accomplished in accordance with these ... procedures ...". The accepted Operational Quality Assurance Program (FSAR Section 17.1.5.1) states, in part: "The Met-Ed Quality Assurance Plan ... contains the requirements that activities affecting quality be documented by instruction, procedures ...".

Mechanical Construction Procedure, MCP-2-2, Revision 12, specifies the requirement that weld rods, if not issued, shall be placed in holding/storage ovens and maintained at $250^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 25^{\circ}\text{F}$.

Contrary to the above, on July 20, 1978, the holding/storage furnace containing the low hydrogen weld rods was found to be at an indicated temperature of 190°F .

Corrective Actions Taken

Since the holding/storage oven was determined to be deficient, it was promptly withdrawn from service and repaired. The weld rod involved was removed from the holding/storage oven and returned to the bake oven for removal of any additional hydrogen.

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B. H. Grier, Director

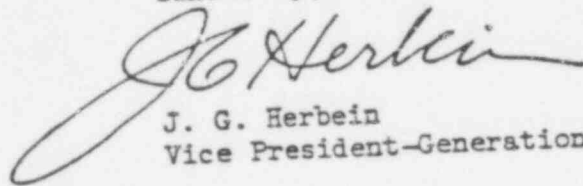
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Corrective Steps Taken to Prevent any Future Recurrence

The requirements of MCP 2-2 were reemphasized to the responsible construction personnel. A thorough Quality Assurance review of welding control was conducted over the period from July 20, 1978 through July 31, 1978 with no unresolved problems identified. Periodic QC inspections of rod ovens have been conducted to date with no recurrence of out-of-specification temperature conditions.

Sincerely,



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Vice President-Generation

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