



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION V

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Docket Nos. 50-460
50-513

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

Attention: Mr. N. O. Strand
Managing Director

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection of WNP 1 and 4

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. W. Albert, T. Bishop, J. Eckhardt and D. Kirsch of this office on February 12-16, 1979 of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permits Nos. CPPR-134 and 174, and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. W. Albert with Messrs. F. McElwee, D. Renberger and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of your quality assurance program as modified since the issuance of Amendment 24 to the PSAR. The inspection also included an examination of commitments made by WPPSS to strengthen the WNP 1 and 4 quality assurance program as a result of the WPPSS-NRC enforcement conference in May 1978.

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, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have been categorized into a level as described in our correspondence to all NRC licensees dated December 31, 1974.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201, of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office,

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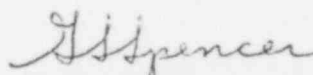
within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including (1) corrective steps which have been taken by you and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

We also found during this inspection that up to seven months elapsed in reaching your decision on the reportability of nonconformances pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(e). We understand that corrective action will be taken to shorten this process. A discussion of those actions should be included in your reply to this letter.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, within 30 days of the date of this letter, requesting that such information be withheld from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons why it is claimed that the information is proprietary. The application should be prepared so that any proprietary information identified is contained in an enclosure to the application, since the application without the enclosure will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,



G. S. Spencer, Chief
Reactor Construction and
Engineering Support Branch

Enclosures:

- A. Notice of Violation
- B. IE Inspection Report
Nos. 50-460/79-02
50-513/79-02

cc w/o enclosure B:

- M. E. Witherspoon, Division Manager, WPPSS
- J. P. Thomas, Project Manager, WPPSS

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