



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 1000
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76012

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Docket No. 99900353/79-01

Gould Incorporated
Industrial Battery Division
Attn: Mr. L. J. Smith
Division Manager Quality Assurance
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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of May 2, 1979, in response to our letter, with an enclosure, dated March 22, 1979. As a result of our review of your May 2 letter, we have no further questions related to items A and C and will review the corrective action you describe during a subsequent inspection. However, regarding item B of your May 2 letter, additional information is needed as discussed below.

Your response to item B explains the various levels of your quality assurance audit program. However, the finding made by the NRC Inspector was identified by reviewing the folder provided by the Kankakee QA Department, identified as Internal Audits. The three (3) part forms in that folder identified audits conducted by various persons and groups over a period of more than four (4) years. Some of the three part forms had been completed, findings had been identified and responses provided. Other findings in the same folder did not indicate that written responses had been provided nor were there indications that oral agreements or other methods of satisfying the requirements had been made, nor had the Plant QA Department made follow-up audits within the required seven (7) day period to assure implementation to paragraph 2.7.7 of your QA Manual.

The audit dates listed in Item B by the NRC Inspector were taken from the Internal Audit Folder. There were several audit findings in that folder, including dates for both November 1974 and 1975. Concerning the audit of November 1974, referenced in the Notice of Deviation to our March 22 letter, your record failed to indicate that a response or re-audit was made as required by your procedures. Accordingly, please provide the information requested in our March 22 letter within twenty (20) days so we may complete our review in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

C. J. Hale

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Vendor Inspection Branch

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