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B&V Project 0001
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011

Attention: Mr. Uldis Potapovs, Chief
Vendor Inspection Branch

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter of April 2, 1979 that transmitted Inspection Report No. 99900526/79-01. The transmittal included two notices of deviation.

Response A: Black & Veatch will prepare Nonconforming Item Reports concerning the five drawings cited in the Notice of Deviation. The Nonconforming Item Reports will be processed in accordance with Black & Veatch Standard Procedure 16.1 and will be prepared prior to May 15, 1979.

An investigation will be conducted by the Project Quality Control Engineer(s) (PQCE's) to determine if the five specific drawings identified in the Notice of Deviation are an isolated case or are symptomatic of additional problems. This investigation will be conducted on construction drawings sampled from issued contracts. Any further nonconformances identified during the investigation by the Project Quality Control Engineer(s) will be documented on Nonconforming Item Reports. The investigation will be completed prior to July 15, 1979.

The apparent reason for the drawings being issued without the proper independent check appears to be a misunderstanding of the intent and direction of the Quality Assurance Program procedures. Additional discussions and indoctrination will be held with the individuals involved in the original issuance. The results of the investigation conducted by

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the Project Quality Control Engineer(s) will be utilized to define the extent of the problem and any necessary additional indoctrination. Also, the results of the PQCEs investigation will be examined for a need to modify the Quality Assurance Program Procedures concerning drawing review. The preventive action in terms of further indoctrination, modification of the Quality Assurance Program, or other appropriate action will be accomplished prior to August 31, 1979.

Response B: All deviation permits that have been issued will be reviewed by the Quality Assurance Manager to determine if there is objective evidence that he has reviewed the documents. This review of all deviation permits issued will be accomplished prior to May 15, 1979.

To prevent reoccurrence of a similar action, a revision will be prepared to paragraph 8 of Standard Procedure 6.1 and the associated form such that there will be a requirement for the Quality Assurance Manager to indicate his agreement or disagreement with any specific deviation permit action. The preparation of the revised procedure and associated forms will be accomplished prior to August 31, 1979.

The above is provided as required by the Commission's regulations.

Very truly yours,

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