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Mr. Al Breed, Manager Quality Assurance Section General Electric Company 175 Curtner Avenue San Jose, CA 95125

Dear Mr. Breed:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGE (CONTROL OF NONCONFORMANCES) TO GE TOPICAL REPORT

NEDO-11209-04A

The QAB has evaluated General Electric's proposed alternative (reference Breed/Conway facsimile dated March 11, 1980) to the reporting requirements for non-conformances under Section 8.2, paragraph 6 of ANSI N45.2.13-1976. The proposed change does not satisfy our requirements.

It is a staff position that <u>all</u> nonconformances to an owner's procurement document requirements, including referenced or incorporated drawings and specifications, dispositioned "use-as-is" or "repair" for items and services which are important to safety shall be reported to the owner (purchaser). This information must be provided to the owner (purchaser) to enable him to determine the acceptability of the procured item or service and its subsequent effect on the safe operation of the facility.

Our position is predicated upon the need for the owner (purchaser) to identify in the procurement document the requirements that must be met by the supplier to assure safe operation of the facility consistent with regulatory requirements. Section 15.2 of NEDO-11209-04A should be revised to reflect this position or an acceptable alternative should be described. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact John Gilray on (301) 492-7741.

Sincerely,

Walter P. Haass, Chief Quality Assurance Branch Division of Engineering