



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

September 13, 1989

Docket No. 99900401/89-01

Mr. Walter D. Mawhinney, Vice President
Nuclear Quality Systems
Combustion Engineering, Inc.
Power Systems Group
1000 Prospect Hill Road
Windsor, Connecticut 06095

Dear Mr. Mawhinney:

This letter addresses the inspection of your facility at Windsor, Connecticut conducted by Mr. Richard C. Wilson of this office on May 22 through 25, 1989, and the discussions of his findings with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was conducted to review procurement of safety-related thermocouple cables, and to review an April 20, 1989 10 CFR Part 21 notification concerning control element assembly slippage. Areas examined during the NRC inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed report. This inspection consisted of an examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, we found no instance where you failed to meet NRC requirements. However, discrepancies in your procurement of thermocouple cables as described in paragraph E.1 of the enclosed inspection report provide the basis for our classifying your control of procurement activities as an Unresolved Item, 99900401/89-01-01 that will be addressed in a future NRC inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's 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 exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), you must (a) notify this office by telephone within 10 days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding and (b) submit within 25 days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. If your receipt of this letter has been delayed so that you have less than three days for your review, please notify this office promptly so that a new due date may be established. Consistent with 10 CFR 2.790(b)(1), any application for withholding must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information that identifies the document or part sought to be withheld and that contains a full statement of the reasons which are the basis for the claim that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. 10 CFR 2.790(b)(1) further requires that the statement specifically address the consideration listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought

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to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period noted above, the enclosed report will be placed in the Public Document Room without changes.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by E. William Brach

E. William Brach, Chief
Vendor Inspection Branch
Division of Reactor Inspection
and Safeguards
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:
Appendix A-Inspection Report 99900401/89-01

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