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Charles E. MacDonald, Chief
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Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Ref: (1) Quality Assurance Program for Shipping Packages of Radioactive
Material, QAP-1, Rev. 1, March, 1980.

(2) Quality Assurance Program Approval No. 0170, Rev. 0, 4/30/80.

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

On April 30, 1980, your office issued Quality Assurance Program Approval
No. 0170, Rev. 0 (Ref. 1), which approved the Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC)
quality assurance program QAP-1, Rev. 1 (Ref. 2). The approval requires
VNC to follow the provisions of QAP-1 beginning August 1, 1980.

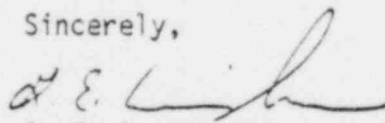
Unfortunately, due to the current shutdown status of the General Electric Test
Reactor (GETR) and the corresponding reduction in site activities, VNC has
experienced a significant reduction in engineering and operating personnel.
This has, in turn, made it impossible to generate the procedures necessary for
the implementation of the new program by the August 1 date.

Accordingly, VNC requests that the implementation date of Approval No. 0170 be
extended to October 1, 1980, and that VNC be permitted to operate under its
current quality assurance program until that date. Please note that our
problem is one of procedure generation rather than implementation of the pro-
cedures once they are established.

In addition, VNC will make no modifications to existing containers or fabri-
cate any new containers for which QAP-1 is applicable after August 1, 1980,
until applicable portions of the approved QAP-1 are fully implemented.

If you or your staff have any questions concerning this request, please con-
tact my office. Thank you.

Sincerely,


G. E. Cunningham
Sr. Licensing Engineer

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