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Mr. Charles Peshek, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Peshek:

SUBJECT: NRC ACCEPTANCE OF AISC TOPICAL REPORT (FCTPN-78)

We have evaluated your revised topical report, "Quality Assurance for AISC Nuclear Quality Certification Program," submitted with your letter of May 3, 1979 and revised by your letter of December 4, 1979. The topical report describes the quality assurance program established for the nuclear activities of the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. (AISC) and for the inspection-evaluation activities of its contractor, ABS Worldwide Technical Services, Inc. (ABSTECH). These activities involve 1) the inspection-evaluation of quality assurance programs for structural steel fabricating plants and 2) the issuance of a register identifying such plants that have a quality assurance program meeting the requirements of Appendix B to Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 50. These activities are performed to reduce or eliminate redundant source evaluation surveys of structural steel fabricating plants by purchasing organizations.

We have reviewed your topical report which includes information requested in our letter of November 7, 1978 and discussed at our meetings of June 26, 1978, August 30, 1978, January 4, 1979, April 11, 1979, April 10, 1980, and July 10, 1980 and find that it is responsive to the NRC concerns, describes a quality assurance program that meets the applicable criteria of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50, and is therefore acceptable. This letter authorizes the use of the AISC Nuclear Quality Certification Program for the activities as described above and in the introduction to the topical report. It should be noted that this approval does not relieve the purchaser of his responsibility to provide in-process and final inspections of the purchased product.

The AISC Nuclear Quality Certification Program described in the topical report will be subject to inspection by the NRC's Office of Inspection and Enforcement. Any noncompliance or unresolved items identified during NRC inspections will require agreed-upon resolution for the system to remain acceptable. Also, should regulatory criteria or regulations change such that our conclusions about this topical report are invalidated, we will notify you. You will be given the opportunity to revise and resubmit it should you so desire. Finally, programmatic changes by AISC or ABSTECH to this topical report are to be submitted to

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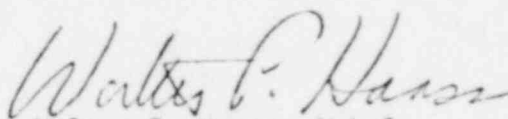
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NRC for review prior to implementation, and organizational changes are to be submitted no later than 30 days after announcement.

Please enclose a copy of this letter in each report, date the report July 1980, and provide 40 copies to the NRC.

Should you have any questions regarding our review or if we can provide assistance, please contact Mr. Jack Spraul on (301) 492-7741.

Sincerely,



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Division of Engineering