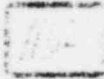


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November 12, 1980

Mr. Gaston Fiorelli, Chief
Reactor Construction and
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Fiorelli:

This is in response to your letter dated October 7, 1980, which included a Notice of Violation and Inspection Report Number 50-461/80-19. The one item of noncompliance cited in this report states in part:

"Contrary to the above, activities affecting quality were not in accordance with the appropriate instructions, in that completed travelers did not contain the welder's identification and the weld material Heat/Lot Number as required by BTS 402."

Paragraph 6.2.1 of BTS 402, Weld Control, was intended to provide unique traceability of welding materials and welder identification for ASME-related work only.

Specific Corrective Action is being taken to revise BTS 402, Paragraph 6.2.1, to differentiate between the various classes of work, i.e., ASME, Safety-Related (Non-ASME), etc., and to clarify the filler metal and welder identification documentation requirements of each classification.

In the future, procedures will be written in such a way to prevent misinterpretation of the procedure.

It was demonstrated during the inspection that traceability for the filler material in structural weldments could be developed to show that one of several certified heats of filler material was used in a particular weld. However, it was not possible to always identify the specific filler material in a specific structural weld even though it could be demonstrated that only certified heats are used

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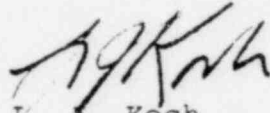
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on safety-related work. Secondly, Baldwin Associates Technical Services Department personnel monitor all safety-related structural welding to verify welder and weld material certification.

It is believed that this corrective action will adequately avoid future noncompliances of this nature and full compliance should be achieved by the end of the year.

I trust that the above actions constitute an acceptable response and will satisfactorily complete our Corrective Action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. J. Koch', is written over the typed name.

L. J. Koch
Vice President

cc: H. H. Livermore, NRC Resident Inspector
Director-Quality Assurance