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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

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Docket No. 99900502/81-01

Brown and Root, Incorporated  
Attn: Mr. W. M. Rice  
Group Vice President, Power Group  
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Houston, Texas 77001

Gentlemen:

This refers to the QA Program Inspection conducted by Mr. D. F. Fox of this office on January 5-8, 1981, of your facilities at Houston, Texas, and to the discussions of our findings with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the QA Program inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of an examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

During this inspection it was found that the implementation of your QA Program failed to meet certain NRC requirements. The specific findings and references to the pertinent requirements are identified in the enclosures to this letter.

Please provide us within twenty-five (25) days of the date of this letter a written statement containing, (1) a description of steps that have been or will be taken to correct these items, (2) a description of steps that have been or will be taken to prevent recurrence, and (3) the dates your corrective actions and preventive measures were or will be completed.

You will note that Deviation A of the enclosed Notice of Deviation is related to management failure to assure compliance with committed corrective action that was contained in your letter of December 16, 1980, responding to NRC inspection report 99900502/80-03. Specifically, qualification and training files of all engineering personnel performing safety related work on the South Texas Project were not updated by December 31, 1980 as committed.

This is the third inspection in which committed corrective actions or preventive measures for previous inspection findings were found to be not completed as committed. Reference Report No. 99900502/80-01, Deviation A and 99900502/80-02, Deviation A.

This suggests a breakdown in the effective implementation of the Brown & Root Quality Assurance Program for the South Texas Project.

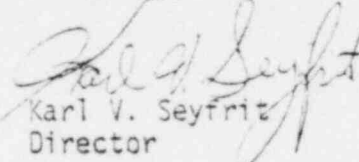
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Consequently, in your response, in addition to correcting of the specific deviations identified the Notice of Deviation enclosure, please define the specific steps that you have taken, or plan to take, to assure that management commitments will be performed as stated and be effectively implemented.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If the report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, requesting such information be withheld from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons why it is claimed that the information is proprietary. The application should be prepared so that any proprietary information identified is contained in an enclosure to the application, since the application without the enclosure will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

  
Karl V. Seyfrit  
Director

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Deviation
2. Inspection Report No. 99900502/81-01