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Docket No. 50-508
50-509

Washington Public Power Supply System
P. O. Box 468
Richland, Washington 99352

Attention: Mr. F. D. McElwee
Program Director



Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Investigation of Allegations at Washington Nuclear Projects 3 and 5

This refers to the investigation conducted by Messrs. Bishop, Haist, Shackleton, and Joukoff of this office on September 25 to October 30, 1980 of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-154 and 155, and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Bishop with Mr. J. C. Lockhart and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The investigation was initiated of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contractor's work at WNP 3/5 because of allegations made regarding withholding of records from NRC inspection and verbal instructions to falsify quality records. The investigation was subsequently expanded to other areas. Within the areas, the investigation consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this investigation it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into a level as described in Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980.

Our findings demonstrate the continuing need for WPPSS to improve the quality assurance performance of their contractors. Particularly those engaged in activities affecting the quality of equipment important to safe operation of the facility. We believe it is important that the lessons learned during reviews of contractor activities at the WNP-2 project be applied to each of the WPPSS nuclear projects. In concert with Mr. Stello's letter to you dated June 17, 1980, requesting additional information regarding quality assurance, we are concerned that the lessons learned in controlling contractor activities are not being effectively performed at other WPPSS nuclear projects. Therefore, in your response to the enclosed item of noncompliance, you are requested to include a discussion of those actions being taken at WNP 3/5 to implement

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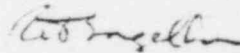
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the lessons learned at WNP-2 to improve the contractor performance. The discussion should also include a description of those corrective actions taken or planned to assure that, in the future, a complete file of all quality assurance records generated will be maintained and available for inspection at all times and that all such records will accurately reflect the status of the activities covered.

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 this report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, within 30 days of the date of this letter, requesting that 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 glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



R. H. Engelken
Director

Enclosures:

- A. Notice of Violation
- B. IE Inspection Report
 - No. 50-508/80-14
 - No. 50-509/80-14

cc w/o enclosure B:
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