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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Mr. John W. Flora
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Dear Mr. Flora:

Your May 18, 1981 letter to me requested identification of a reference that enumerates positions taken by the Quality Assurance Branch (QAB) with respect to interpretation of quality assurance requirements, in addition to those expressed in Regulatory Guides. Your letter also made reference to Quality Assurance Organization Policy/Procedure No. 30 that you say presents interpretations of quality assurance requirements.

I believe the reference you have requested is those internal temporary interpretations used within the QAB to assist reviewers in the processing of construction permit and operating license applications. These QAB interpretations, for the most part, have been incorporated into subsequent Regulatory Guide/ANSI Standard revisions or the latest NRC approved Standard Review Plan, Rev. 1 (Sections 17.1 and 17.2) a copy of which is enclosed for your use. Please be advised that we are presently in the process of formulating Revision 2 to these Standard Review Plan sections to incorporate modified quality assurance requirements that resulted primarily from the Three Mile Island Task Action Plan.

Individual applicants, on occasion, elect to take exception to various positions given in the quality assurance Regulatory Guides/ANSI Standards listed in subsection V of Sections 17.1 and 17.2 of the Standard Review Plan. Upon doing so, the applicant must provide sufficient description of an alternative for QAB evaluation. Acceptable alternatives are listed in the individual applications that are part of the public record available in the Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, Washington, D.C. 20555. The QAB does not maintain a listing of all the exceptions taken by applicants.

I trust the above information will satisfy your request. Should you require further assistance in this matter, please feel free to contact me on (301) 492-7741.

Sincerely,

Walter P. Haass, Chief
Quality Assurance Branch
Division of Engineering

Enclosure:
As stated

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