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Docket No. 99900116/80-02

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President
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the reactive and QA Program inspection conducted by Mr. W. E. Foster of this office on September 22-25, 1980, of your facility at Chatsworth, California, associated with the manufacture of electrical penetration assemblies and to the discussions of our findings with Mr. L. Stupay and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

This inspection was made to confirm that, in the areas inspected, your QA Program and activities associated with reported problems are being effectively handled. The inspection effort is not designed to assure that unique quality requirements imposed by a customer are being implemented; nor to assure that a specific product, component or service provided by you to your customers, is of acceptable quality. As you know, the NRC requires each of its licensees to assume full responsibility for the quality of specific products, components or services procured from others. You should therefore not conclude that the NRC's inspection exempts you from inspections by an NRC licensee or his agents nor from taking effective corrective action in response to their findings.

Areas examined 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 the 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 enclosed Notice of Violation and Notice of Deviation.

Further instances of inadequate control of crimping practices have been identified during this inspection, as evidenced by items C and D in the Notice of Deviation, in addition to the previous discrepancies in this activity, which resulted in the furnishing of electrical penetration assemblies to the Midland, Callaway and Wolf Creek nuclear sites with loose cable lugs. Accordingly, we are concerned about management failure to take necessary actions to assure appropriate control of this activity. You will additionally note that item A in the Notice of Deviation is also related to management failure to assure compliance with committed actions concerning the finding identified in Inspection Report No. 80-01.

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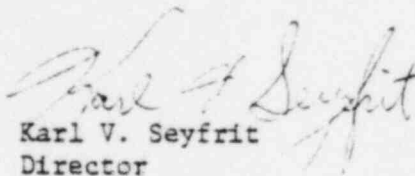
Consequently, in your response in addition to verifying correction of the specific deficiencies and deviations, as requested above, please inform us of what steps you have taken, or plan to take, to provide specific assurance of the adequacy of lug crimping practices and to assure that management commitments will be both performed as stated and effectively implemented.

Please provide us within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this report 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 date your corrective actions and preventive measures were or will be completed.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the Commission's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter with enclosure and your reply, together with the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the Commission's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within thirty (30) days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement of the reasons on the basis of which it is claimed that the information is proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in a separate part of the document. 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 pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


Karl V. Seyfrit
Director

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Notice of Deviation
3. Inspection Report No. 99900116/80-02