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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Docket No. 99900387/81-01

General Atomic Company
ATTN: Mr. P. E. Bissonnette
General Manager
Post Office Box 81608
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the QA program inspection conducted by Mr. W. M. McNeill of this office on March 30 - April 3, 1981, of your facility at San Diego, California, and to the discussion of our findings with you 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 is being effectively implemented. The inspection effort is not designed to assure that unique quality requirements imposed by a customer are being achieved, 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 during the 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 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 enclosures to his letter.

Please provide us within 25 days from 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 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 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

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proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 25 days of the date of this letter to this office to withhold such information 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 pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



Uldis Potapovs, Chief
Vendor Inspection Branch

Enclosure:
Inspection Report No. 99900381/81-01