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NRC
Attn: Charles E. Rossi
Director
Division of Operational Events Assessment
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Washington, DC

Subject: Information notice

Dear Sir:

The information notice 89-56, Supplement 1 mentioned that DuBose Steel could not find the documentation for an order of material supplied by PVN Steel. This information is in error with respect that not all the facts were stated which is somewhat typical of reports of this nature from the NRC. Your report states that DuBose Steel advised the NRC that DuBose records do not indicate who received the PVN material when in fact our letter stated that the requested information was not available because the record retention period had elapsed. We at DuBose made an attempt to find the information by reviewing records other than QA records. This attempt to perform our responsible duty, which was in addition to the requirements of our QA program since the retention period had elapsed, appears to have been met with a negative response by your staff. We feel that this miss statement in the information notice will be viewed by people in the industry as negligence on the part of DuBose Steel.

We strive to have the best Quality Assurance program possible and I suppose we are somewhat sensitive to negative comments that we feel are not totally founded. As always we will continue to work with you and your staff in whatever way possible and simply ask that the NRC also be more sensitive to comments that might unjustly be viewed as negative by the industry.

Sincerely,



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