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Docket No. 50-358

Cincinnati Gas and Electric
Company

ATTN: Mr. Earl A. Borgmann
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. K. D. Ward of this office on June 29, July 1, and 20-21, 1981, of activities at Wm. H. Zimmer Nuclear Power Station authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-88 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. H. Sagar at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appear to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements as specified in Appendix A. This item of noncompliance is the third occurrence related to field welds where unacceptable radiographic techniques and discrepancies in radiographic reports were identified. This problem had previously been identified and documented in Inspection Report No. 50-358/78-30 and No. 50-358/81-03. A written response submitted under oath or affirmation is required. In recognition of the quality confirmation program which you have undertaken, you may wish to include as part of your response, reference to the quality confirmation program as it relates to the adequacy of field welds. We also note that the NRC Investigation (Investigation Report No. 50-358/81-13) into alleged QA/QC irregularities at the Zimmer Nuclear Facility has identified similar unacceptable radiographic technique problems as they relate to shop welds.

As part of this inspection, a meeting was held to address the problem of improper weld techniques by Pullman Power Products. Paragraph 3 of the report sets forth the recommendations of the Assistant Director of Inspection National Board; Chief Boiler Director, State of Ohio; and the NRC representative for resolution of this matter. Corrective actions will be reviewed during a subsequent inspection.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If the enclosures contain any information that you or your contractors believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within seven (7) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within twenty-five (25) days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. Section 2.790(b)(1) requires that any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons on the basis which it is claimed that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

C. E. Norelius
C. E. Norelius, Director
Division of Engineering and
Technical Inspection

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. IE Inspection Report
No. 50-358/81-21

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