

ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY



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October 13, 1981

Mr. R.L. Spessard, Director  
Division of Resident and Project Inspection  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
799 Roosevelt Road  
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Dear Mr. Spessard:

This is in response to your Notice of Violation and Inspection Report 50-461/81-22. Illinois Power Company's response to the item of noncompliance cited is as follows:

1. The Notice of Violation states, in part:

"Contrary to the above, the Contractor was performing stainless steel welding operations using oversize electrode (5/32") and unmarked wire brushes, discs, chisel, and chipping hammers."

A. Corrective action taken and the results achieved:

Use of the oversized electrode was stopped immediately when the procedural violation was brought to supervisory attention. Unmarked tools were replaced with tools marked for use on stainless steel. A nonconformance report (NCR) 5263 was written and processed to document the use of the oversize welding electrode.

B. Corrective Action taken to avoid further noncompliance:

Affected craft and technical services personnel were given training emphasizing adherence to written procedures and control of stainless steel materials. Additionally, the pertinent welding procedure specification (NP-8-8-BA-L) has been revised to allow the use of 5/32" welding electrode.

C. Date when full compliance will be achieved:

The Contractor is now in full compliance with regulatory and procedural requirements.

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I trust that our response is satisfactory to allow closure of this item of noncompliance noted in the Notice of Violation and Inspection Report Number 50-461/81-18. I hereby affirm that the information contained in this letter is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

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cc: H.H. Livermore, Resident NRC Inspector  
Director-Quality Assurance