



BRASS · STEEL · ALLOYS · STANDARD & SPECIAL BOLTS · NUTS · SCREWS · WASHERS · SCREW MACHINE PARTS & ALLIED PRODUCTS

Docket NO. 99901267

February 18, 1993

Uldis Potapovs
Chief, Reactive Inspection Section #2
Vendor Inspection Branch
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Potapovs:

I want to thank you, Mr. Magruder, and Mr. McIntyre for the time spent on Tuesday, February 16 reviewing the General Fasteners quality system in regards to 10CFR50 Appendix B and 10CFR Part 21. Our commitment to quality includes ensuring that cooperation and open lines of communication are maintained between General Fasteners and our customers.

The meeting was beneficial to both parties, primarily because issues were clarified for both the NRC and General Fasteners. As was discussed, we want to ensure that our quality system continues to meet the requirements of 10CFR50 App B, and that our primary direction comes from our customer. It is important that additional perspectives be considered in monitoring our quality system, along with our internal evaluations. We do not wish to be caught in a situation where "the blind is leading the blind," as Mr. McIntyre stated.

It was encouraging to learn that the NRC views compliance to other quality system mandates such as Ford Q1 and ISO 9000 as a positive. Understandably, the Appendix B program is considered as the bottom line for NRC compliance, but compliance with additional recognized quality system standards gives additional confidence to the customer. Also, your explanations in interpreting certain areas of 10CFR50 Appendix B has been very helpful for us.

Again, thank you for your time and your suggestions.

Sincerely,

General Fasteners Company

Brian D. Becker
Quality Systems Analyst

27-108

BDB:amk

9306030023 930218
PDR QA999 E*****
99901267 PDR

cc: Mike Lavoie

11820 GLOBE ROAD · LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48150-1180 · (313) 591-9500

L930308B/RBECKER

LE09
1/0