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


Gentlemen:

This letter is to confirm the NRC Region IV plan to perform an independent verification inspection at the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, using the NRC NDE van and contractor technicians under NRC direction. This plan was discussed by Mr. D. M. Hunnicutt, of the NRC Region IV staff, with Mr. G. B. Rogers and others of your staff.

We consider this inspection to be an independent verification of construction at the Waterford facility. Construction activities and materials will be sampled through nondestructive examinations as a supplement to our existing ongoing inspection efforts. Similar future nondestructive examinations by NRC are planned on a routine basis at other licensee construction sites.

The inspection at the Waterford facility is expected to begin on January 17, and will be completed on January 28, 1983. We have requested documentation packages for each of the 39 welds selected for independent verification to be prepared by your staff. It is requested that all data packages be in the NRC Region I office by January 5, 1983. If the entire group of packages can not be shipped in time to arrive in the NRC Region I office by January 5, 1983, then it is requested that a partial shipment of data packages be made so that approximately one-half of the data packages will be in the NRC Region I office by January 3, 1983. NRC will review your documentation packages and update NRC procedures to be consistent with your procedures. All documentation supplied by your staff will be returned at the completion of the inspection.

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Licensee representatives will be kept informed of NRC inspection progress and significant findings and at the conclusion of the onsite activities, an exit meeting with you or members of your staff will be conducted on January 28, 1983, in accordance with our normal procedures.

The evaluation of examination results and preparation of an inspection report will be completed and the results of the inspection will be transmitted to you through NRC Inspection Report 50-382/83-05.

If you should have any further questions regarding this planned inspection, please contact the assigned Senior Resident Inspector, or Mr. L. D. Gilbert (817-860-8156) of the NRC Region IV office, or Mr. Harry Kerch (215-337-1264) of NRC Region I office.

Sincerely,

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