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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000 Arlington, TX 76011

Attention: Mr. Uldis Potapovs Chief, Vendor Program Branch

Reference: Docket No. 99900325/82-01

Gentlemen:

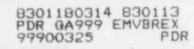
This letter is written in reference to a telephone conversation with J. Sutton of your office on November 24, 1982. Mr. Sutton requested more detailed information concerning the nonconformances noted during his inspection of our facility. Brand-Rex Company's response is as follows:

NOTICE OF NONCONFORMANCE

Deviation 1 - A review was not performed by the Quality Assurance Manager with respect to material which had been identified as defective by Sacramento Municipal Utility District. This review was not performed as a result of the apparent failure of Brand-Rex Company's personnel to inform the Quality Assurance Manager of the condition.

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

 An investigation of the suspect caple took place with the preliminary test results reported to Mr. John Collins of your office on August 26, 1982. A follow-up letter dated September 15, 1982 contained back-up test data to verify our position.



- 2) To prevent this problem from reoccurring, a letter was issued by George Graeber, Vice-President and General Manager, to all inside and outside field representatives, engineers and manufacturing personnel reiterating Brand-Rex Company's policy regarding dissemination of information pertaining to defective material.
- 3) This letter was issued August 1982.

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Deviation 2 -A)Records do not exist that would unable the foreman to determine if the brazing operator had been trained and qualified prior to performing the brazing function.

- CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN
- 1) Records for the brazing operator have been updated to conform to Procedure QA-823, Revision 2.
- To prevent recurrence, the brazing records will be reviewed during the scheduled Quality Assurance audits of the cablingtaping area.
- 3) The update of the records took place on October 26, 1982.

<u>Deviation 2 -B</u>) The requalification schedule and schedule of qualified operators were not available within the Quality Control area and foreman station.

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

- A requalification schedule has been established and is available within Quality Control and the foreman station. A copy of the operator Certificate of Qualification is also available in these areas.
- To prevent recurrence, the requalification schedule will be reviewed during the scheduled Quality Assurance audits of the cabling-taping area.
- 3) The requalification schedule was issued on October 25, 1982. The Certificate of Qualification was issued on October 26, 1982.

Deviation 2 -C)Records do not exist to indicate that operators had completed the established training program.

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

- All reference to training has been deleted from QA-823, Revision 2, October 1982. This procedure is strictly for qualification of Armor/Brazing operators. On-the-job training for new employees in Armor/Brazing is performed within the manufacturing area according to established operating procedures.
- To prevent recurrence, Armor/Brazing qualifications will be reviewed during the scheduled Quality Assurance audits of the cabling-taping area.
- 3) Requalification of the operator took place October 26, 1982.

<u>Deviation 2 -D</u>)Records do not exist that indicate that Quality Control examined and tested the qualification braze for bond strength.

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

- The operator in question was requalified and records of this test are available within the Quality Control area.
- To prevent recurrence, the qualification records will be reviewed during the quarterly Quality Assurance audits of the cabling-taping area.
- 3) Requalification of the Armor/Brazing operator took place on October 26, 1982.

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<u>Deviation 3</u> - A brazing procedure had not been generated, app.oved or qualified prior to the performance of brazing repair operations on armor cable.

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

- Operating Instruction No. 086 (Armor/Brazing) has been approved and implemented.
- To prevent recurrence, operations within the manufacturing area are being reviewed for proper operating instructions.
- Implementation of the Armor/Brazing procedure was effective October 1982.

If any questions arise pertaining to the action, feel free to contact the writer.

Very truly yours,

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