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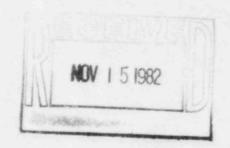
November 10, 1982

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: Report No. 99900325/82-01



Gentlemen:

The following is Brand-Rex Company's response to the notice of nonconformance noted during your office inspection of our facility:

#### 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 cable 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.

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.

# NOTICE OF NONCONFORMANCE

<u>Deviation 2</u> - (A) Records do not exist that would enable the foreman to determine if the brazing operator had been trained and qualified prior to performing the brazing function.

## CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

Records for the brazing operator have been updated to conform to Procedure QA-823, Revision 2.

<u>Deviation 2</u> - (B) 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.

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.

Deviation 2 - (D) Records do not exist that indicate that Quality Control examined and tested the qualificatin braze for bond strength.

## CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

The operator in question was requalified on October 26, 1982 and records of this test are available within the Quality Control area.