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Gibbs & Hill, Incorporated  
ATTN: Mr. P. P. DeRienzo  
Vice President, Quality Assurance  
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Gentlemen:

A series of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspections have been conducted to review your implementation of the Quality Assurance Program applicable to NRC applicants or licensees who have contracted for services from Gibbs and Hill, Incorporated. These inspections consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel and direct observation by the inspectors. As a result of these inspections, the NRC has concluded that the QA program described in Topical Report GIBSAR-17-A, is being implemented satisfactorily. Neither this conclusion nor the remainder of this letter applies to any activities conducted at reactor sites.

Licensees and applicants that have referenced the above Topical Report in their Safety Analysis Reports (or have adopted the total quality assurance program described in that Topical Report) may at their option use this letter to fulfill their obligation under 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion VII, that requires them to perform initial source evaluation/selection audits and subsequent periodic audits to assess the quality assurance program implementation.

The NRC expression of satisfaction with the implementation of your QA program does not assure that a specific product or service offered by you to your customer is of acceptable quality nor does it relieve the applicant or licensee from the general provision of Criterion VII which requires verification that purchased material, equipment, or services conform to the procurement documents. It is recognized that in some cases this assurance can be made by the applicant or licensee without audits or inspections at your facility.

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Continuing acceptability of implementation of your QA program is contingent upon your maintaining a satisfactory level of program implementation, verified through periodic Vendor Program Branch inspections, throughout all corporate organization units and nuclear projects encompassed by your program.

Should your program implementation at any time be found unacceptable, you will be notified by letter and requested to correct the deficiencies promptly. In the event you fail to correct the deficiencies promptly, or if the record of deficiencies is such as to indicate generally poor program implementation, you and the applicants and licensees who have referenced your QA program will be notified that the generic implementation of your program is no longer acceptable to NRC. All of the audit/inspection requirements of Criterion VII, Appendix B, 10 CFR Part 50, must then be implemented by the applicants or licensees. The NRC will reinstate its letter of acceptability of implementation of your QA program only after our inspectors have concluded, based on reinspection, that you have again demonstrated full compliance.

Except as noted above, the conclusions expressed in this letter will be effective for 3 years from the date of issue of the letter. At this time, program performance over the previous 3-year period will be evaluated and this letter reissued, if appropriate.

The results of our inspections are published quarterly in the Licensee, Contractor, and Vendor Inspection Status Report (NUREG-0040), which is made available to NRC facility applicants, licensees, contractors, and vendors, as well as to members of the public.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
John T. Collins

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Regional Administrator

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