

March 18, 1994

Docket No. 52 001

Mr. Joseph Quirk
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Dear Mr. Quirk:

SUBJECT: QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) INSPECTION AT GE NUCLEAR ENERGY (GE) OFFICE

This is to document the recent discussions held between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and GE staff concerning the effort to resolve the remaining open item identified in the staff's advance safety evaluation for the Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR). This item deals with the staff's evaluation of GE's responses to Unresolved Item 93-02-08, which was identified in NRC Inspection Report 99900403/93-02, for the inspection conducted in September 1993 at GE's San Jose office.

As I indicated in a phone conversation on March 16, 1994, an inspection team of six NRC staff members will conduct a followup inspection of GE records at San Jose, California, on March 22 through 24. The team members are R. McIntyre (team leader), myself, S. Malur, U. Potopovs, W. Burton, and R. Gramm. The purpose of the inspection is to review GE documents related to and interview system engineers who participated in the three party design efforts for the ABWR conducted during the early 1980's between GE and its two Japanese technical associates. The team effort is expected to obtain better assurance of GE's technical oversight of the design process and its responsibility for the overall design of the ABWR.

Please contact me at (301) 504-1132, or R. McIntyre on (301) 504-3215 if you need further information concerning the inspection. We appreciate GE's support of this effort.

Sincerely,

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