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Dear Mr. van Santen:

This letter addresses the inspection of your facility in Vasteras, Sweden conducted by Mr. E. William Brach and myself on August 6-7, 1990, and the discussions of the findings with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The purpose of the inspection was to review selected portions of your Quality Assurance (QA) program related to the production of fuel and control rod assemblies for U.S. licensed facilities. During the inspection, we found that some of your activities were not conducted in accordance with NRC requirements (10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B) as committed to in your Topical Report BQ 89-50.

Specifically our inspection identified that certain Deviation Reports were not processed as specified in your quality procedures. This issue is discussed in more detail in the enclosed report.

Please provide us within 30 days of your receipt of this letter a written statement containing: (1) a description of steps that have been or will be taken to correct these items; (2) a description of steps that have been or will be taken to prevent recurrence; and (3) the dates your corrective actions and preventive measures were or will be completed. We will consider extending the response time if you can show good cause for us to do so.

The response requested by this letter is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 511.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A-Notice of Nonconformance
2. Appendix B- Inspection Report 99901211/90-01

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