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APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF NONCONFORMANCE

ABB Atom AB
Docket No. 999001211

During an NRC inspection conducted on August 6-7, 1990, the implementation of the Quality Assurance (QA) program at ABB Atom AB, Vasteras, Sweden was reviewed in selected areas with respect to the fabrication of fuel and control rod assemblies. The applicable QA program requirements are contained in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50, ABB Atom AB Fuel Division's Topical Report BQ 89-50 and referenced QA manuals and procedures. Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that activities of the ABB Atom AB Fuel Division were not conducted in accordance with these requirements in the following area:

Criterion V of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50 requires that activities affecting quality be prescribed by documented procedures and be accomplished in accordance with these procedures.

The ABB Atom AB Quality Assurance Manual, QAM-B, Section 15.1 states that the responsible Product Engineering Subsection Manager will classify Deviation Reports as either Category 1, unimportant to product functioning, or Category 2, important to product functioning. This section also requires Deviation Reports classified as Category 2 to be forwarded to the customer for approval.

Contrary to the above, Deviation Reports 2873 and 3959 concerning fuel assemblies for the Washington Nuclear 2 (WNP-2) facility were not classified as either Category 1 or Category 2 and there was no evidence that Deviation Report 4048 had been forwarded to the customer for approval even though it had been classified as Category 2. (90-01-01)

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