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Inspection Report
84-11

ATTENTION: Mr. James P. O'Reilly

GENTLEMEN:

The following information is submitted in response to Inspection Report 84-11, which concerns the inspection conducted by Mr. B. R. Crowley of your office from April 3 to April 6, 1984. One apparent violation was identified.

VIOLATION

"10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XII, as implemented by Section 12 of the Hatch Nuclear Plant Quality Assurance Manual, requires that measures be established to assure that tools, gages, instruments, and other measuring and testing devices used in activities affecting quality are properly controlled, calibrated, and adjusted at specified periods to maintain accuracy within necessary limits.

Contrary to the above, on April 4, 1984, measures were not established to assure control and calibration of measuring devices in that procedures were not issued for control and calibration of automatic welding equipment being used for welding of Recirc system piping.

This is a Severity Level V violation (Supplement I)."

RESPONSE

Admission or denial of alleged violation: The violation occurred.

Reason for the violation: The violation concerns calibration of current meters on the automatic welding machines. These meters were calibrated prior to shipment of the welding machines to the site; however, they were not considered "measuring devices" for activities affecting quality. A program for periodic recalibration per 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XII was therefore not considered necessary. It is for this reason that calibration procedures did not exist.

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Corrective steps which have been taken and results achieved:
Calibration records showed that the automatic welding machines in question had been calibrated within six months prior to the date the violation was discovered. An interim program, which requires calibration of automatic welding machines at least once every six months, has been implemented. The calibration dates of the equipment are checked every two weeks to ensure that this frequency is maintained.

Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid future violations: The contractor performing the welding, Newport News Industrial Corporation (NNI) will establish a procedure by June 20, 1984 to formalize the calibration program for the automatic welding equipment.

Date when full compliance will be achieved: Full compliance will be achieved by June 20, 1984, when the NNI procedure controlling calibration of the automatic welding equipment is issued.

Please contact this office if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,

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