



American Bridge

Division of United States Steel Corporation

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June 22, 1984

Mr. Richard C. DeYoung, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Docket 50-382
Construction Appraisal Team
Inspection 50-382/84-07
May 14, 1984

Dear Sir:

American Bridge Division, United States Steel Corporation has reviewed the above-referenced report concerning Waterford SES Unit 3 Nuclear Plant which contains certain allegations regarding deficient shopwelds purportedly fabricated by American Bridge's subcontractor, Peden Steel.

These allegations are totally without justification with respect to American Bridge. American Bridge had no contractual or subcontractual agreement whatsoever with Peden Steel which dealt directly with Louisiana Power and Light and Ebasco. Those parties, and not American Bridge, are responsible for the quality of the structural steel shopwelds and any necessary corrective action.

In order to avoid further damage to American Bridge, we hereby request that any reference to Peden Steel as our subcontractor and any language suggesting that we are thereby responsible for their problems be deleted from Inspection 50-382/84-07 as soon as possible. Problems associated with Peden and shopwelds should be evaluated separately from any discussion of American Bridge's erection, field welding, and bolting activities as noted in such report.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Richard V. Carus

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