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Docket No. 50-397

Washington Public Power Supply System
P. O. Box 968
Richland, Washington 99352

Attention: Mr. G. C. Sorensen, Manager
Regulatory Programs

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection of WNP-2 (Ascension Test Phase)

This letter refers to the special team inspection conducted by Messrs. A. Johnson, D. Carpenter, R. Waite, J. Crews, D. Hill (EG&G) and D. J. Willett, of this office, during the period of May 29 through June 8, 1984, of activities authorized by NRC License No. NPF-21. The essential results were discussed by the inspectors with Messrs. D. Mazur, J. Shannon, J. Martin and other members of your staff at the conclusion of this inspection. The purpose of this inspection was to provide a basis for evaluating your control room and plant performance over a sustained period of time.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors which included round-the-clock shift coverage for nine days.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1).

The report includes several observations of weaknesses or opportunities for improvements in plant operations. The inspectors found these items noteworthy as being inconsistent with the experienced nature of your operations staff. An allied observation was the apparent lack of active management and supervisory involvement in surveillance of routine operations during this critical start-up period. This lack of active participation could well be the reason for the weaknesses involved. Supply System management agreed to review this area for improvement during the exit interview. Please provide to this office, in writing within 30 days your assessment of our observations and an outline of what improvements have been and will be made.

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The responses directed by this letter are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning these inspections, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

E. J. Pata

T. W. Bishop, Director

Division of Reactor Safety & Projects

Enclosure:

Inspection Report No. 50-397/84-15

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