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Docket Nos. 50-272  
50-311

Public Service Electric and Gas Company  
ATTN: Mr. Richard A. Uderitz  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Combined Inspection Nos. 50-272/83-29; 50-311/83-31

This refers to your letter dated January 6, 1983, in response to our letter dated December 7, 1983, to a telephone conversation between Mr. J. Driscoll of your staff and myself on January 31, 1984, and to a meeting between Mr. Driscoll and members of your staff and myself and members of my staff on June 26, 1984.

The subject in question concerns an apparent violation presented in Inspection Report 50-272/83-29 and 50-311/83-31 (December 7, 1983), which deals with your failure to review and approve procedures used by a vendor laboratory for strontium and gross alpha analysis of effluents. It is our understanding that your present practice is that your onsite safety review committee reviews and approves all vendor procedures if the vendor activity is onsite. If the vendor activity is conducted offsite, you perform no pre-implementation review of procedures; but rely on your quality assurance organization to verify acceptable performance by the vendor. You have explained that your approach is based on the large number of approved vendors (approximately 300), the immense workload to review and approve all procedures and changes thereto, and your belief that the quality assurance organization is able to provide equivalent assurance of adequacy of vendor activities. You have also indicated that requiring a review effort of such magnitude of the onsite review committee would severely limit that committee's ability to perform useful reviews of onsite safety significant activities.

We have determined that the proper action for this office is to discuss the proposed notice of violation, and your response and position, with other offices inside the NRC, and reach an NRC position applicable to all licensees regarding review and approval of vendor procedures. We will advise you of the outcome of this effort. At this time, we are withdrawing the violation, and classifying the concern as an open item.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Thomas T. Martin, Director  
Division of Engineering and  
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