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Facility: Union Electric Company
Callaway Nuclear Plant
Steedman, MO 65077

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of an Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Docket No: 50-483

Subject: DECERTIFICATION OF QC INSPECTORS

The licensee informed the Resident Inspector on February 26, 1985, that seven Union Electric Quality Control Inspectors were decertified after a review identified procedural and education/experience deficiencies in UE's inspector certification program. The decertification only affects the Operational QC program and does not impact on Construction.

The licensee began the review after employees alleged that a key procedure in the certification process was not being followed, i.e., that a Level III inspector had not signed the certification documents of recently certified Level III inspectors. The allegation was substantiated and further review by the licensee uncovered three additional deficiencies: insufficient records to support QC inspector certification; QC inspectors did not have the required work experience in accordance with ANSI 45.2.6, the national standard used by Union Electric for inspector qualifications; and general deficiencies in the UE Certification/Qualification program itself.

As part of its correction action program, the licensee is planning an evaluation of the impact on the plant by these now non-certified inspectors. This evaluation will include a reinspection of at least a sample of their work on safety-related systems.

The resident inspectors are following the licensee's course of action.

The State of Missouri will be notified.

The news media is aware of the inspector decertification.

This information is current as of 11:30 a.m., March 4, 1985.

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