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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert B. Minogue, Director
Office of Standards Development

FROM: Victor Stello, Jr., Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PERSONNEL

Insights gained from recent experience indicate to us that attention must be given to upgrading the qualifications and training of quality assurance (QA) personnel. Our recent experiences at Marble Hill and South Texas are clear instances where the qualifications of QA personnel contributed to a problem.

I believe that a task should be initiated promptly to (1) determine the more rigorous requirements that need to be established, and (2) develop an appropriate regulation to impose these on industry. I request OSD to undertake such a task.

I suggest that the first step should be an information exchange meeting between representatives from OSD, IE and NRR to define the problem and the needed task. Harold D. Thornburg, Director, Division of Reactor Construction Inspection, will be our contact in this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Victor Stello, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

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