



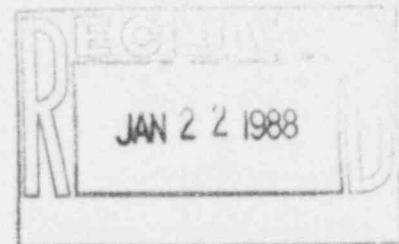
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SUBJECT: **Waterford 3 SES**
Docket No. 50-382
License No. NPF-38
NRC Audit of Vendor Interface/Procurement Program

Dear Mr. Martin:

On December 7-18, 1987 the NRC conducted an audit of the vendor interface/procurement program at Waterford 3. While auditing Waterford's vendor interface program, the inspectors reviewed seventeen (17) Cooper-Bessemer Service Bulletins. Two areas of concern were identified by the inspectors. The first was the lack of a documented technical review by Plant Staff of the Cooper-Bessemer Service Bulletins. The second area of concern was the discovery of broken bolts on both Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) Turbocharger Supports (Bulletin 691). As a result, LP&L made a concerted effort to correct the problems identified, as well as determine the nature and extent of any programmatic problems should they exist.

To address the tasks above, a two tier approach was adopted.

1. Correction of items presently identified - The above mentioned Cooper-Bessemer Service Bulletins were resubmitted to Plant Staff for review. In their review, Plant Staff identified four (4) additional minor items which will require a hardware fix and/or procedure revision. This work is scheduled for completion by the end of our second refueling outage which will begin in April, 1988. In addition, a Station Modification and a work authorization were issued to correct the broken bolts on EDG turbocharger supports. An Engineering evaluation indicated that the EDGs remained operable with the number of bolts that were broken or loose. All associated work is expected to be completed by January 15, 1988.

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2. Determination of the extent and nature of the problem - The Nuclear Operations Support and Assessment (NOSA) Group was assigned the task of reviewing vendor information records. NOSA divided the review into two phases. Phase I contained service bulletins which had a potential for significant impact on plant equipment (347 bulletins). Phase II is to consist of a review of the remaining vendor data (422).

In Phase I, 187 of the 347 data screened required further review by Plant Staff, due to a lack of documentation. Quality Notice (QN) 88-001 was written to address proper documentation of technical reviews. In all, approximately twelve (12) of the 187 items required additional attention during Phase I. Seven (7) items required cosmetic changes to Plant Staff procedures (i.e., referencing an additional manual in the Reference section of a procedure, or adding tabs to a manual for easier access to individual sections), while approximately five (5) required procedure enhancements (i.e., adding a note to the procedure). No hardware changes were required as a result of Phase I.

Approximately 40% of the 422 bulletins assigned to Phase II have been re-reviewed. Thus far no procedure or program changes have been identified. Phase II is scheduled for completion on March 1, 1988.

The above reviews have concluded that, with the exception of the Cooper-Bessemer Service Bulletins, vendor information received a proper screening and technical review. To improve the process, NOSA has recommended that, when required, documentation of a technical review should be included as part of the review package. Procedure changes to this effect should be completed by March 1, 1988.

It is our belief that the corrective action outlined above will ensure that technical reviews of vendor bulletins will be adequately reviewed and documented. This process will continue to receive the highest attention of appropriate levels of management. If you wish to discuss our program further, please feel free to contact Mr. Mike Woodard (504-467-2791 extension 392).

Very truly yours,



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