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Docket No. 50-397

Washington Public Power Supply System  
Attention: Mr. G. C. Sorensen, Manager  
P. O. Box 968  
3000 George Washington Way  
Richland, Washington 99352

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated January 28, 1987, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the items which we brought to your attention in our letter dated December 29, 1986. We disagree with your position that item b of this violation is not valid. Welding and cutting activities are considered to be hazardous work activities. According to your response to NRC position no. B3 in Amendment No. 37 of the WNP2 FSAR and Table F.3-1 of Amendment No. 19 of the WNP-2 FSAR you are required to comply with the fire prevention provisions of NFPA standard no. 51B which requires that welding and cutting be done under closely controlled conditions. Procedures governing such work are required to be reviewed and approved on a case by case basis by persons trained and experienced in fire protection. Your response to our Notice of Violation does not provide specific information for us to conclude that qualified fire protection personnel performed a review of each cutting and welding activity prior to the work being performed. On the contrary, your statement "The Industrial Safety and Fire Protection group reviews Maintenance Work Requests (MWRs) on a random basis" supports our position that your fire protection staff did not perform these reviews as required. Your corrective actions will be verified during a future inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*original signed*

Dennis F. Kirsch, Director  
Division of Reactor Safety and Projects

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