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Docket No. 50-312

Mr. Joe Firlit
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Dear Mr. Firlit:

SUBJECT: SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SPIP)
PROGRAMMATIC AUDIT AT RANCHO SECO NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION
(TAC NO. 68205)

As you are aware, the NRC staff has determined that a series of audits is necessary to verify the proper implementation of the Babcock & Wilcox Owners Group (BWO) safety and performance improvement program (SPIP) recommendations at each B&W designed facility. This audit series consists of a SPIP programmatic audit, a SPIP recommendation implementation audit, and a followup audit, if necessary. The programmatic audit for Rancho Seco is planned for the week of June 19, 1989.

The following information concerning the audit is provided to facilitate your preparation in support of the audit:

The purpose of the audit is to evaluate the adequacy of your program to implement the BWO SPIP recommendations. Major areas to be evaluated are:

- ° Management Commitment and Involvement - assess the degree to which corporate and plant management is committed to and involved in the SPIP process (i.e., assess the degree of effort assigned to establishing, implementing, and controlling the SPIP program).
- ° Review Team Commitment and Involvement - assess the degree to which the recommendation review team is committed to and involved in the SPIP process (i.e., assess the degree of effort assigned to review the recommendation basis, safety implications, system interactions, design modifications and/or procedure changes, implementation scheduling, and the control of technical support team interfaces). Included in this area will be an evaluation of your applicability and implementation reviews for about 30 to 40 recommendations.
- ° Work Group Commitment and Involvement - assess the degree to which specific plant work groups are committed to and involved in the SPIP process (i.e., assess the degree of effort assigned to modification installation procedures, quality assurance and quality control, test and acceptance criteria, maintenance plan development and interfacing with review teams and management).

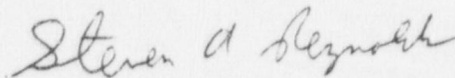
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- ° This area may or may not be covered depending upon the number of recommendations that involve a plant modification for which you have completed the design work and/or the installation.

We request that you make a one-hour presentation, at the start of the audit, to familiarize the audit team with your program and organization, including information relative to the major areas to be evaluated, as noted above. Also, we request that knowledgeable personnel be made available to assist the team in gathering information and answering questions.

It is anticipated that the audit will commence with an entrance meeting at 8:00 a.m. on June 19, 1987 and conclude with an exit meeting at 1:00 p.m. on June 23, 1989.

Sincerely,



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