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Mr. Blaine L. Curtis, President
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 999001342/1999201 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION
AND NOTICE OF NONCONFORMANCE)

Dear Mr. Curtis:

On August 30 through September 1, 1999, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) performed an inspection at the Anatec International, Incorporated (Anatec) facility in San Clemente, California. The enclosed report presents the findings of that inspection. The inspection was conducted to review portions of your program relating to personnel training records and certifications for eddy current data analysts, and the safety-related services that are provided to commercial nuclear power plant facilities. This inspection focused specifically on activities regarding supporting documentation associated with the qualification and certification of a selective sample of Level IIA and III eddy current qualified data analyst (QDA) personnel records at the Anatec facility in accordance with Appendix G, "Qualification of Nondestructive Examination Personnel for Analysis of NDE Data," of the Electrical Power Research Institute (EPRI) Document Technical Requirements (TR)-107569-V1R5, "PWR Steam Generator Examination Guidelines," and the recommended practice of the American Society for Nondestructive Testing, SNT-TC-1A, "Personnel Qualification and Certification in Nondestructive Testing." The inspectors assessed Anatec's conformance to their customer's procurement requirements and compliance with NRC regulations.

It was found that certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. Specifically, the review of a potential 10 CFR Part 21 issue regarding suspect training and certification records that was received by Anatec in May 1999 was not appropriately dispositioned in accordance with 10 CFR Part 21. The issue questioned the accuracy and validity of QDA records that were not obtained directly from the previous employer. The inspectors found that Anatec neither evaluated the issue in accordance with §21.21 of 10 CFR Part 21, nor informed the applicable licensees in order to cause the potential defect to be evaluated by the licensee as discussed in §21.21(b) of Part 21. This matter is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (NOV), and the circumstances surrounding the NOV are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed NOV when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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In addition, the NRC inspectors found that the implementation of your quality assurance program failed to meet certain NRC requirements imposed on you by your customers. Specifically, the inspectors determined that your certification of certain NDE personnel did not conform to the guidance contained in Appendix G of EPRI TR-107569-VIR5 and Anatec's certification of NDE personnel procedure in that Anatec certified certain NDE personnel based upon outside organization training and certification records that were not received directly from those organizations and that were not verified by Anatec. This nonconformance could have caused an NRC licensee to be in violation of Criteria VII, "Control of Purchased Material, Equipment, and Services," and IX, "Control of Special Processes," of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50, "Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel Reprocessing Plants." This nonconformance is cited in the enclosed Notice of Nonconformance (NON), and the circumstances surrounding it are described in the enclosed report. You are requested to respond to the nonconformance and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed NON when preparing your response.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Original signed by T.R. Quay

Theodore R. Quay, Chief, IQMB
 Division of Inspection Program Management
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 99901342

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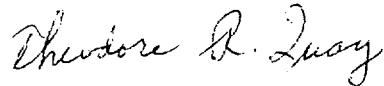
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