

December 4, 2003

Mr. Phillip Strawbridge  
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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF REVISION 10 TO THE BNFL, INC. QUALITY ASSURANCE  
MANUAL (TAC NO. MB9673)

Dear Mr. Strawbridge:

On March 31, 2003, you submitted Revision 10 to the BNFL, Inc. Quality Assurance Manual (QAM) to the NRC staff for review in accordance with Part 50 and Part 71, Subpart H, of *Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). This letter addresses the staff's review of your submittal only as it applies to 10 CFR Part 50. Compliance with 10 CFR Part 71, Subpart H, will be reviewed and addressed separately.

During our review, the staff noted that Revision 10 to your QAM has implemented changes that are in accordance with 10 CFR 50.34(a)(1)(ii)(E)(7), and employs the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, "Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel Reprocessing Plants." The focus of our review, therefore, was to determine whether your implementation of these changes adequately meets the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, which outlines the 18 criteria of a quality assurance program. Based on our review of Revision 10 to the QAM, the NRC staff has determined that it adequately meets the criteria of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, and is therefore, acceptable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.34(a)(1)(ii)(E)(7).

If you have further questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Bo Pham at 301-415-8450.

Sincerely,

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