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SUBJECT: Part 21 rept re capscrews supplied to WPPSS by now defunct Cardinal Industrial Products,LP (CIP) having nonconforming hardness.Failed lots & any remaining product found to have been heat treated by CIP scrapped & removed from premises.

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Reference: 10 CFR, Part 21 Courtesy Notification

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter provides to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission a courtesy notification as referenced by 10 CFR Part 21, paragraph 21.21, (4).

Washington Public Power Supply System ("WPPSS") formally informed ACCUTECH, a division of B&G Manufacturing Co., Inc. ("B&G"), of capscrews recently found to have nonconforming hardness. The trace code TS-7 showed that these capscrews were supplied to WPPSS by the now defunct Cardinal Industrial Products, L.P. ("CIP") during February, 1994.

On July 10, 1995, B&G purchased the name and certain other assets from CIP, a limited partnership that had been formed and operated in Nevada. B&G began its own nuclear fastener business at the same Nevada site, and temporarily used the "Cardinal Industrial Products" name before officially adopting the trade name of ACCUTECH in December, 1995.

Although B&G is not bound to take formal action under 10 CFR Part 21, WPPSS's notification prompted us to investigate not only the capscrews in question but other inventory that B&G acquired from CIP. We performed hardness tests on any and all inventory still on site that had been heat treated by CIP. Failures were noted in the following two lots: (1) 3/8" - 16 x 1" capscrews, trace code TS-7: 16 pieces failed out of 1,086 pieces tested (note that WPPSS's test results were 2 failed pieces out of 98 tested); (2) 1" x 4" capscrew blanks, trace code K7: 6 pieces failed out of 71 pieces tested.

We believe that the nonconforming hardness was the result of insufficient heat treating performed by CIP at the Nevada site. Therefore, we have scrapped and removed from the premises not only the failed lots, but any remaining product found to have been heat treated by CIP.

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Even though the obligation for statutory notifications remains with CIP, as a courtesy B&G is notifying the NRC of the situation. In addition, based upon records acquired from CIP, B&G is sending courtesy notifications to customers who were shipped product from these two lots by Cardinal Industrial Products, L.P.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Roy P. Reindl', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Roy P. Reindl  
Branch Manager, Nevada

