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Subject: NPPD Response to IE Inspection Report 50-298/79-03

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

This letter is written in response to the letter dated March 7, 1979 transmitting IE Inspection Report 50-298/79-03 which indicated that certain of our activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements.

Statement of Deficiency

Technical Specifications 6.3.1 and 6.3.3 require that detailed written procedures be used for maintenance of systems and components that could have an affect on nuclear safety. Cooper Nuclear Station Maintenance Procedure 7.5.4 and I&C Calibration Procedure 7.5.4.2 require that I&C shop test equipment be periodically calibrated against a bench standard.

Contrary to the above, during the December 1978 calibration of the I&C shop pneumatic calibrator, IS-2529, a bench stand was not used.

This item is a deficiency.

Discussion

During the December 1978 calibration of pneumatic calibrator IS-2529, difficulty was experienced in getting good data due to error in reading the manometer IS-1753. In accordance with procedure 7.5.4.2, the I&C Supervisor approved replacing the specified bench standard with a comparable calibrated precision test gauge. We believe that the replacement gauge was an acceptable substitute and provided for an accurate calibration.

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Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken and the Results Achieved

Instrument IS-2529 has been sent to the manufacturer for calibration check and repair if required. IS-2529 was found to be within the $\pm 1\%$ full scale tolerance specified by procedure 7.5.3.2.

Corrective Steps Which Will be Taken to Avoid Further Noncompliance

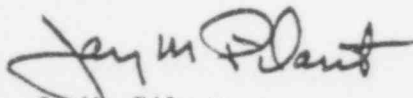
We are presently obtaining information to purchase a low range dead weight tester to be used as a bench standard for IS-2529 instead of the mercury manometer.

Date When Full Compliance Will be Achieved

Since procedure 7.5.4.2 states "the specified bench standard can be replaced by a comparable calibrated precision test gauge upon approval of the I&C Supervisor", we believe that CNS has been in compliance with 7.5.4.2.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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and Quality Assurance

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