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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Thank you for your response of December 5, 1980, to our September 22 and October 27, 1980, letters regarding activities at Wartsville Nuclear Plant which appeared to have been in violation of NEC requirements. In your letter; in the telephone conversation of October 14, 1980, between our staffs; and in the original notice of infractions (reference RII: LDZ 50-518/80-17, 50-20/80-17) you indicated a number of areas in which you believe improvement is necessary in the TVA programs. We believe you have made good points concerning areas of possible improvement. We have taken action to improve our program in the areas you noted as being deficient.

Specifically regarding Infraction 518, 520/80-17-01, our corrective steps taken and results achieved are that we revised our procedure as previously indicated in our October 27, 1980, letter to include methods of applying and removing powder and a sketch of a method to ensure coverage of the test surface. We believe implementation of the provision of this revision provides adequate corrective steps taken to avoid further noncompliance. Full compliance was achieved by October 6, 1980 (assuming resolution of our outstanding issues).

Regarding Infraction 518, 520/80-17-02, we have corrective steps taken and results achieved as follows: We have determined that our recertification requirements are more restrictive than SNT-TC-1A because of our requirement of a performance evaluation to determine if capabilities reflect certification validity at least every two years; we have developed a formal detailed checklist of over 40 checkpoints for establishing candidate proficiency; and we are formally cataloging samples illustrating acceptable/unacceptable conditions used in the inspector training program. We believe implementation of these corrective steps provides adequate corrective steps taken to avoid further noncompliance. Full compliance on these matters will be achieved by January 30, 1981.

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