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Attention: Thomas T. Martin, Director
Division of Engineering and Technical Programs

SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
DOCKET NO. 50-333
INSPECTION NO. 83-11

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, we are submitting our response to Appendix A Notice of Violation transmitted by your letter dated April 13, 1983. This refers to the inspection conducted by a representative of the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services on March 24, 1983 at the U.S. Ecology, Inc. burial site at Richland, Washington.

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

The Power Authority agrees with the findings.

The fundamental cause of this violation was:

Failure to insure that the lid retainer clip was completely locked in the retainer bracket. As a result, vibration generated during transportation permitted the clips to work free and the container lid to open slightly.

The immediate corrective action was:

Burial ground personnel resealed the open box. Plant personnel inspected all sealed boxes which were awaiting shipment at the plant. No similar conditions were found.

Permanent corrective action was as follows:

The procedure used to prepare material for shipment to a disposal facility (F-OP-48B, Waste Packaging and Handling) was revised on March 30, 1983. The revision clarified the procedure and added further steps to assure that the retainer clips are securely fastened.

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The procedure now contains the following steps:

Metal boxes:

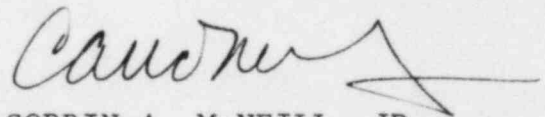
- a. Place retainer clips into retainer brackets, as shown in Figure 7.4.
 1. Clip shall be driven down into bracket.
 2. Retainer bracket shall be hammered to ensure clip has locked and is not loose.
- b. Ensure bottom drain plug is in place.

The same revision also added a step to place three metal retaining bands around all metal boxes.

On April 6, 1983 a further revision of the procedure was instituted to require checkoff of these steps.

Personnel involved with preparing material for shipment have been instructed in these changes.

Very truly yours,



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