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Mr. Richard C. DeYoung, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. DeYoung:

Thank you for your letter of January 26, 1983 and the attached information relating to the deficiencies in quality of material furnished by Ray Miller, Inc. As you know, members of our Nuclear Operations Department have been in frequent communication with your staff and have made every effort to cooperate in the investigation. They have also reviewed the situation with me. We believe that our engineering, operations, and quality assurance programs provide reasonable assurance that our nuclear facilities are designed, constructed and operated to provide the highest degree of public safety.

After information reached us on problems associated with material purchased from Ray Miller, Inc. for the Surry Power Station, members of our operations staff determined the extent of the problem and its effect on Virginia Electric and Power Company. Vepco identified various components received on a total of 30 purchase orders over a two and one-half year period for which records are readily available. (Two of these contain non-Category I material.)

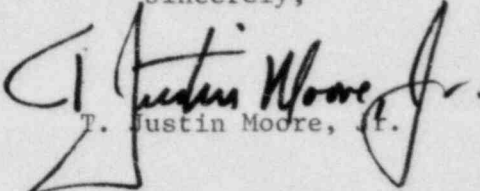
Components remaining in stock bins were placed on hold. Selected samples of this material were tested to verify their conformance with ASTM standards and were found to be acceptable. Additional samples have been sent to an outside testing laboratory for verification and were found to be acceptable. This included a pipe plug from Purchase Order No. 21980 identified by the NRC during its record search.

Additionally, we pressure tested another pipe plug available from this order. It was able to withstand pressure in excess of 3000 psi. There is reasonable assurance that the Ray Miller, Inc. material received will perform satisfactorily.

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We remain committed to the safe operation of our nuclear facilities and appreciate your timely information related to the deficiency described in your Information Notice. We will continue to follow this matter closely and take appropriate action as additional information becomes available.

Sincerely,



T. Justin Moore, Jr.

cc: Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator
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