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Mr. Thomas T. Martin, Director  
Division of Engineering & Technical Programs  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region I  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

NRC INSPECTION 50-272/83-02  
SALEM GENERATING STATION  
UNIT NO. 1  
JANUARY 18 THRU 21, 1983

We have reviewed the item of violation identified in the subject inspection and described in Appendix A of your letter dated February 23, 1983. The following is our response to the notice of violation:

Item of Violation

As a result of the inspection conducted on January 18-21, 1983 and in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register on March 9, 1982 (47 FR 9987), the following violation was identified.

Criterion V, Appendix B, 10 CFR 50 requires activities affecting quality to be prescribed by and accomplished in accordance with procedures of a type appropriate to the circumstances. The licensee approved Catalytic Inc. Procedure CI-QAP-704 references the 1975 Edition of SNT-TC-1A for qualification/certification of nondestructive examination personnel. SNT-TC-1A requires that all certifications shall be automatically terminated when an employee leaves the employer where he had been certified.

Contrary to the above:

A quality control inspector who left the employment of Catalytic Inc. on April 21, 1982 and was rehired on September 20, 1982 performed liquid penetrant examinations in the capacity of a Level II, during the period from September 20, 1982 until January 20, 1983 without having been examined for certification.

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Reply to Item of Violation:

The site QA Department of Catalytic, Inc. did fail to comply with the recertification requirement of Section 10.2 SNT-TC-1A, 1975 Edition and Catalytic Procedure CI-QAP-704, Section 11. The cause was the lack of proper notification to Catalytic Quality Assurance-Field that the employment of the NDE Level II Certified Inspector had been terminated upon completion of his field assignment on April 21, 1982. Therefore, upon returning to site on September 20, 1982, his on-file certifications were considered active.

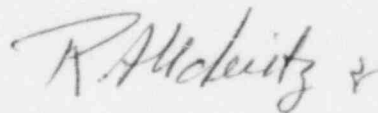
Upon notification of the infraction, Catalytic immediately re-examined the inspector per Catalytic Procedure CI-QAP-704. The examination was administered by the Catalytic Corporate Level III NDE Examiner and the results were satisfactory. The satisfactory re-examination of the QC inspector, together with his previous certification, provides adequate basis for acceptability of field activities performed prior to the recertification.

In order to prevent recurrence, additional emphasis has been placed on Catalytic certification maintenance as follows:

- A) Scheduled monthly surveillance of all QA/QC personnel certifications by Catalytic, Inc.
- B) Employment status verification with the Catalytic Home Office QA Department upon reassignment of QA/QC field personnel.

We are now in compliance.

Sincerely,



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