

THE CINCINNATI GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY



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Docket No. 50-358

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
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Attention: Mr. J.G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

Gentlemen:

RE: WM. H. ZIMMER NUCLEAR POWER STATION - UNIT 1
10CFR50.55(e), ITEM Q-10, POTENTIAL DEFICIENCIES
IN THE CATALYTIC INC. QA & CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS
W.O. 57300, JOB E-5590, FILE NO. 956C, Q-10

This letter is in regard to the subject condition reported to the Commission on August 12, 1983 as a potentially reportable deficiency. CG&E has now determined that the subject condition is not reportable under 10CFR50.55(e).

In our last report, LOZ-83-0141, dated September 12, 1983, CG&E committed to review Catalytic's evaluation of the three personal logs containing alleged incidents. CG&E has evaluated Catalytic's review of these incidents and categorized the alleged incidents as follows:

1. Insufficient Information

Some incidents lack sufficient detail to permit analysis. For example, most of the work documented in the logs relates to QCP Task I rework of structural steel. Incidents were identified where Catalytic foremen were directed to work through NR "Hold" tags. Interviews with Catalytic QC personnel indicate that many beams in the Switchgear Rooms and the Main Control Room had multiple "Hold" tags attached. With the information provided in the logs, it cannot be concluded that work progressed through "Hold" tags, but rather an instance where work was permitted to be performed on a given beam because the work was not applicable to the scope of the "Hold" tag.

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2. Non-Quality Concerns

Many incidents do not reflect bonafide quality concerns since the logs generally indicate a climate of malcontent between some Catalytic personnel and their supervisors. In addition, it is evident that some of the statements made are unqualified. For example, one foreman states that he was directed to evaluate weld acceptance without training. This is not a quality concern since the only requirement of the foremen is to present the work to the QC inspector for acceptance.

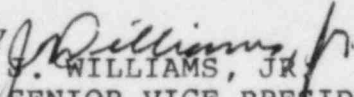
3. Resolved Quality Concerns

Some alleged incidents represent valid quality concerns. However, by comparing the logs, and by reviewing the Catalytic documentation associated with the work, these deficiencies were identified by the implementation of the Catalytic and CG&E quality assurance programs.

In conclusion, although some valid concerns were identified by these logs, these concerns had previously been identified and none have been found to be representative of QA program deficiencies or significant deficiencies in construction. Documentation to support this conclusion is available at the Zimmer site. Based upon this evaluation, the subject condition has been determined to be not reportable under the requirements of 10CFR50.55(e).

Very truly yours,

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