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Mr. Richard C. DeYoung, Director  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
United States Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20556

Dear Mr. DeYoung:

Subject: HVAC EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED BY BAHNSON COMPANY

Re: Letter, Mr. DeYoung to Dr. Murrill of May 29, 1984

This is in response to your letter of May 29, 1984 on HVAC equipment manufactured by Bahnson Company. Bahnson Company did not supply us with any of the air handling units referred to in the IE Notice 84-30. Bahnson Company supplied only HVAC ductwork to the River Bend Station during the period of May, 1982 to April, 1983 from its facility in Slaughter, Louisiana. Some sheetmetal was supplied from the North Carolina Bahnson facility to their Slaughter facility. During this period of time, a comprehensive quality assurance program was stringently implemented to detect problems of the type referenced in IE Information Notice 84-30. The Bahnson Company Quality Assurance Program was audited by Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation (SWEC) at Bahnson's Slaughter, Louisiana and Winston-Salem, North Carolina facilities. SWEC Field Quality Control Inspectors were assigned to the Slaughter facility on a full-time basis to inspect 100% of the product during fabrication to assure compliance to the Bahnson Company Quality Assurance program and SWEC procurement specification requirements. Additionally, our Quality Assurance Engineers performed shop surveillances that provided an overview of our contractor and Bahnson's quality activities.

Several management meetings were held at River Bend Station between SWEC, GSU, and Bahnson Company related to the quality of the ductwork and schedule. Subsequent to these meetings, the contract with Bahnson Company was terminated due to schedule considerations.

The GSU Quality Program in effect during this period was effective in assuring that a quality product was delivered and installed with adequate supporting documentation to attest conformance with specifications and drawings. As a result of these actions, we have established a high level of confidence in the quality of the products furnished to us by Bahnson.

There were no conditions identified that would require evaluation for reporting under 10CFR50.55(e). GSU recognizes its responsibilities include both the health and safety of the public and fiscal investment and realizes that an aggressive implementation of a QA Program is a principal means of successfully meeting both responsibilities. We will continue to meet its responsibilities in these areas by active involvement by ourself and our contractor in the selection and utilization of suppliers.

Sincerely,

*Paul Murriel*