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Docket No. 99900403/84-04

General Electric Company
Nuclear Energy Business Operations
ATTN: Mr. W. H. Bruggeman
Vice President and General Manager
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. P. M. Sears of this office on October 15-19, 1984, of your facility at San Jose, CA, and to the discussions of our findings with Mr. J. J. Fox and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The purpose of this inspection was to review your Quality Assurance program in the areas of computer code verification and computer code error handling, status of previous inspection findings, potentially reportable condition files, and various reactive items.

Areas examined during the inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of an examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

During the inspection it was found that the implementation of your QA program failed to meet certain NRC requirements. These items involve failure to review the impact of computer code errors and code changes upon design activities (past and present), and the use of computer codes without proper verification of code application.

Please provide us within 30 days from the date of this letter a written statement containing: (1) a description of steps that have been or will be taken to correct these items; (2) a description of steps that have been or will be taken to prevent recurrence; and (3) the dates your corrective actions and preventive measures were or will be completed. Consideration may be given to extending your response time for good cause shown.

The response requested by this letter is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Nonconformance
2. Appendix B - Inspection Report No. 99900403/84-04
3. Appendix C - Inspection Data Sheets (16 pages)

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