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Mr. Leif J. Norrholm, Chief
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Division of Reactor Inspection
and Licensee Performance
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

February 1, 1993

Dear Mr. Norrholm:

SUBJECT: REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND NOTICE OF NONCONFORMANCE
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 99901258/92-01)

This letter addresses the REPLIES to the violations referenced under 1.1 of the NRC Inspection Report No. 99901258/92-01 and the nonconformances referenced under 1.2 of the same inspection report.

In regard to the violations listed under section 1.1 of the NRC Inspection Report No. 99901258/92-01, Ram Forge & Steel, Inc. has revised their 10 CFR 21 reporting procedure to include the 60 day limit for completing an evaluation. The procedure also references the filing of an interim report, as well as the proper locations for contacting the NRC. A copy of the report is attached to this reply. Please see Procedure #NI-1-93, dated January 25, 1993.

In regard to Ram Forge & Steel, Inc.'s failure to invoke the reporting requirements of 10 CFR 21 on Thermo-Temp Instruments, Inc.'s purchase order for the quarterly calibration of our furnaces and chart recorder, Ram Forge & Steel, Inc. has issued an annual order invoking the requirements of 10 CFR 21 and 10 CFR 50 APP. B. A copy of the purchase order is attached to this reply.

In regard to the nonconformance listed under section 1.2 of the NRC Inspection Report No. 99901258/92-01, Ram Forge & Steel, Inc. has elected to incorporate two procedures to alleviate any chance of a future wall thickness violation. SOP 37 (see attached) is designed to alert supervisors and the Quality Control Department of any abnormality which could result in a problem area on ANY elbow order which could be under production in our system. SOP 38 (see attached) is designed to prevent any Nuclear Section III carbon steel elbow order from becoming nonconforming. Our engineering department suggests that this SOP is the only absolute verification of prevention and after discussing with all areas of production (ie. management, grinding, etc.) Ram Forge & Steel, Inc. has elected to include in our normal production system. This SOP was agreed upon because Ram Forge & Steel, Inc. does not produce large quantities of these particular thin wall carbon steel elbows and generally will only supply these to one of Section III customers if they are unable to purchase them from any of their other suppliers.

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Regards,

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Enclosures

1. Procedure #NP-1-93
2. SOP 37
3. SOP 38
4. Purchase Order--Thermo Temp Instrument's, Inc.