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October 30, 1996

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Re: Reply to a Notice of Nonconformance (NON), Docket No. 99901037

Dear Madam/Sir:

The following is a reply to your Inspection Report letter dated October 16, 1996:

The Inspection Report included one NON that states: "...Zetec did not establish, review or approve written procedures to control and ensure repeatable results regarding the development of safety-related eddy current computer data screening techniques used by data analysts for their standard of acceptability."

We did not feel that a procedure was needed to control how to setup Computer Data Screening (CDS) sort logic because:

- a. CDS is not an expert system but a tool to repeatedly execute analysis techniques as established to address specific inspection guidelines.
- b. The CDS setup must pass the site specific examination.
- c. CDS is a software tool and its proper operation remains the responsibility of the analyst who uses it.
- d. CDS is not used independently.
- e. CDS results are monitored by the analyst who set it up, the resolution analyst, as well as the Lead analyst. The sort logic is modified as needed to optimize the performance.

Response to the NON:

- (1) *A description of the steps that have been or will be taken to correct this NON:*

We have written the initial draft of the CDS procedure identified in the NON. This procedure will be reviewed and approved in accordance with our Quality Manual.

- (2) *A description of the steps that have been or will be taken to prevent recurrence:*

All Zetec eddy current analysts will be required to read the CDS procedure when it is approved.

- (3) *The date our corrective action will be completed:*

The CDS procedure will be completed by January 30, 1997.

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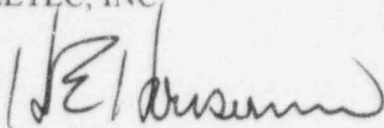
The inspection was very thorough. In addition to the single NON, the Inspection Team documented some perceived weaknesses in our program. We have addressed all of these items.

I complement Mr. Petrosino for his professionalism in leading this audit.

Please contact me if there are any questions about the response to the NON.

Best regards,

ZETEC, INC.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. E. Houserman', written over the printed name.

Howard E. Houserman
General Manager

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cc: Robert M. Gallo, USNRC Chief of Special Inspection Branch