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Docket No. 99900003/85-01

General Electric Company
Wilmington Manufacturing Facility
ATTN: Mr. E. A. Lees
General Manager
Post Office Box 780
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. R. L. Cilimberg, J. W. Craig, and D. Meikrantz of this office on June 24-28, 1985, of your facility at Wilmington, North Carolina, and to the discussions of our findings with Mr. W. McMahon and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

This inspection was made in response to allegations concerning possible deficiencies in your Quality Assurance (QA) Program. 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 inspectors.

During the inspection a number of allegations were substantiated, and the NRC inspectors determined that the implementation of your QA program failed to meet commitments made to the NRC. These failures include the failure to follow procedures, inadequate procedures, failure to ensure that test results are properly identified, and failure to properly identify instrument calibration data. As discussed in the enclosed report, although the NRC recognizes that the results of the analyses were within the accuracy limits of the analytical methods used, we are concerned that technicians routinely do not follow procedures and, in some instances, cannot follow the procedures as written. The use of inadequate procedures and the established practice of not following procedures was known by personnel at the Wilmington facility and corrective action was not initiated. The specific findings and references to the pertinent requirements are identified in the enclosures to this letter.

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.

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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 Document Room.

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

Sincerely,



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and Technical Training Center Programs
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A-Notice of Nonconformance
2. Inspection Report No. 99900003/85-01

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