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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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December 3, 1996

B&W Fuel Company
Commercial Nuclear Fuel Plant
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SUBJECT: 1. ADDENDUM TO CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER No. H-96-001
2. REPLY TO NOVEMBER 27, 1996, LETTER

Dear Mr. Carr:

In response to your letter dated November 22, 1996, concerning receipt of additional VVER fuel assemblies, the NRC Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) No. H-96-001 is hereby modified to add the following addendum.

ADDENDUM:

- The third bullet is modified to allow receipt of the sea-vans. Upon receipt, B&W Fuel will unload the transport packages from the sea-vans, verify the tamper-safing seals and serial numbers of the packages against shipping documents, as well as perform the required health and safety surveys prior to the storage of the transport packages in the protected area. B&W Fuel will not conduct any further processing or removal of the assemblies from the transport packages until receipt of NRC approval.

With regard to your letter dated November 27, 1996, describing a root cause analysis and corrective action plan in response to the CAL No. H-96-001 as a result of the November 13, 1996, reported event, we have the following comments:

- Your root cause analysis needs to be broadened to include an in-depth examination of your management and programmatic activities; specifically, management oversight, training, operating procedures, quality control, documentation, and self-assessment to identify weaknesses.

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- Your corrective action plan needs to be modified in accordance with the revision of your root cause analysis.
- Your procedures need to be developed or revised in accordance with modifications of your corrective action plan, and provided to NRC for review.

We appreciate your efforts to date and encourage you to contact this office if you have additional questions. We expect to receive your revised root cause analysis and modified corrective action plan by December 20, 1996.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

Elizabeth Q. Ten Eyck, Director
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
and Safeguards, NMSS

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