



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 1000
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

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Docket No. 99900017/78-01

Dravo Corporation
Pipe Fabrication Division
Attn: Mr. G. Schwab
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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letters of June 30, July 14 and August 7, 1978, responding to our letter and enclosure dated May 22, 1978. We have evaluated the information which you have provided, including your general commitment for increased emphasis in the implementation of your Quality Assurance program through additional personnel, management reassignments and manual/procedure revisions.

With the exception of item D we find your responses to the specific deviations referenced in our May 22 letter satisfactory pending verification of the committed corrective actions during a subsequent inspection. After reviewing the additional information on item N, which was submitted with your August 7, 1978 letter, we no longer consider this a deviation and our records will reflect this fact. With respect to item D, however, we do not consider your random sampling approach adequate to verify that all welders are performing within the required parameters of the applicable procedures. We interpret Appendix B to 10 CFR 50 and the ASME Code as requiring a more systematic and comprehensive method, which would include periodic monitoring of all weldors and equipment used in the fabrication of safety related nuclear components.

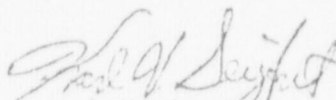
Please submit additional information relative to item D, above, describing a proposed method of conformance within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter so that we can complete our evaluation. Your response should include any information related to the ASME Code inquiry which you reference in your June 30 letter.

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Regarding your offer to meet with us for additional discussion of the previous findings, we propose to conduct another inspection of your facilities before determining whether such meeting would be necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Karl V. Seyffert
Director