

November 26, 2003

Thomas Silva, President
Conam Inspection, Inc.
192 Internationale Blvd.
Glendale Heights, IL

SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2000-055

Dear Mr. Silva:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine if Conam's Radiation Safety Officer deliberately violated radiography requirements by allowing one-man radiography to be conducted at an unapproved permanent radiographic installation. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate that Conam's Radiation Safety Officer deliberately violated radiography requirements. The synopsis of the OI investigation report is enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact James Heller or Andrea Kock of the NRC Region III staff at telephone number (630) 829-9500.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Marc L. Dapas, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Enclosure: OI Synopsis

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** For permission to release the OI synopsis.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on December 20, 2000, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations (OI), Region III (RIII), to determine whether the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) employed by Conam Inspection, Inc. (Conam), deliberately violated radiography requirements by allowing one-man radiography to be conducted at an unapproved permanent radiographic installation.

Based upon the evidence developed, this investigation did not substantiate the allegation that Conam's RSO deliberately violated radiography requirements by allowing one-man radiography to be conducted at an unapproved permanent radiographic installation.