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SUBJECT

Control No. 316329: Re request by letter dated June 25, 2007, to replace your former Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), Johnson Ojo, who left your company in May 2007, with Yekita Diggs, for your licensed activities under NRC License No. 24-32334-01.

SUMMARY

In our telephone conversation, we discussed the need for the licensee to provide documentation, for our review and evaluation, of Ms. Diggs qualifications by training and experience to serve as RSO, in accord with the guidance in NUREG-1556, Vol. 1, Rev.1, "Program Specific Guidance About Portable Gauge Licenses". Specifically, Item 7 of Section 8.7 of that document, states in part that RSOs must have adequate training and experience and that successful completion of either 1) a portable gauge manufacturer's course for users or for RSOs or 2) an equivalent course that meets the criteria in Appendix D of that document, have been found acceptable. It is our understanding from our inspection staff in NRC Region III, that Ms. Diggs recently participated in an "Online" training program, including successful completion of a closed book examination at the conclusion of the study, which included a variety of topics addressing portable nuclear moisture/density gauge safety training. This course, it is our understanding, was provided by North East Technical Services (NETS) located at 75 Aileron Court, Suite 4, Westminster, MD 21157, under the direction of Doug Sims who has successfully completed both the Troxler "User" and the "Radiation Safety Officer" courses and who also has a license with the State of Maryland authorizing service and repair of moisture/density gauges. Since we have not had previous experience with this training program, we are in the process of obtaining from Mr. Sims a copy of the 16 lessons used in the Online course in order to evaluate its coverage of the course content of items as listed in Appendix D of NUREG-1556, Vol. 1, Rev.1. Further, it is recognized that **an Online course can not provide the needed field training/experience portion of the training**. Therefore in order to aid us in our continued review of your amendment request to name Ms. Diggs as RSO, please provide the following additional information:

1. Please provide a copy of documentation confirming Ms. Diggs successful completion of the Online training course for portable moisture/density gauges.
2. Please provide the name of the individual who conducted the "hands on" portion or field training for Ms. Diggs and the date(s) that this training was successfully completed.
3. Also, please provide information supporting the instructor's qualifications by training/experience showing that the instructor meets the Course Instructor Qualifications in Appendix D of NUREG-1556, Vol.1, Rev. 1.
4. Confirm that this field training emphasized radiation safety and included: 1) a review of all conditions on your NRC license; 2) a review of your operating and emergency procedures; 3) gauge routine maintenance procedures including cleaning and lubrication procedures; 4) controlling and maintaining surveillance over the portable gauge (including the requirement for two independent physical controls to secure portable gauges when not under control and constant surveillance of the licensee); 5) test runs of setting up and making measurements with the gauge; 6) packaging and transporting the gauge; and 7) storing the gauge. Also please specify the minimum amount of time employed with this field training for Ms. Diggs.

5. Also, please provide a letter, jointly signed by you as the management representative and by Ms. Diggs, acknowledging both her appointment as RSO as well as her acceptance of the duties and responsibilities associated with the position of RSO.

ACTION REQUIRED

Licensee to provide written response for the above requested information as additional information to Control No. 316329. Please send response to me by facsimile (630-515-1078). No follow-up hard copy is needed. If any questions, please call me at 630-829-9829.

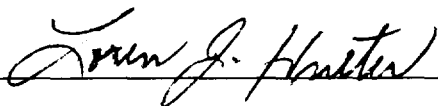
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