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U.S. NRC
Office of Nuclear Regulation

Attn: Information Quality Coordinator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

RE: Information Correction Request
Revising/rescinding Information 1991-09

Dear Sir:

The following is a discussion of why the NRC should consider this ICR. This ICR is submitted in accordance with the NRC's Informational Quality Guidelines.

Per information we recently acquired, while searching through old court records, we are requesting that Information Notice 1991-09 be revised or better yet eliminated. For years there has been information in this Information Notice that was incorrect and misleading, and which was derogatory to the reputation of Southern California Valve.

I want to provide a brief history of the events that led to this information notice, along with documents that will show Southern California Valve Maintenance was not the guilty party in this matter. SCV received an order for 8ea. 4' 1500 PSI valves from International Valve. SCV had the valves manufactured in Taiwan with the raised SCV logo cast onto the body of the valves, this logo was, and still is, on all the valves that are manufactured by Southern California Valve. When the valves cleared U.S. Customs, they bore the logo of SCV (see attached document No. 1). On SCV's delivery receipt (attached, document 2) and invoice No. 2105 to International Valve (attached, document 3), it was stated that the valves were SCV. Upon arrival into the United States, International Valve directed that the valves be sent to Amesse Welding (Amesse) in South Gate, California. Amesse received the valves which bore the SCV logo. In his deposition Amesse stated that Jack Killoren of International valve directed him to perform some welding on the valves. Upon completion of his work, Amesse invoiced International Valve for restoring the lettering on 8ea. Crane Valves (attached document 4). Please note that Amesse received SCV valves and invoiced International Valve for Crane Valves. Also note that Jack Killoren resigned from International Valve, before giving his deposition (see attached severance check document 5).

International Valve sold the 8ea valves to Baytown Supply and the valves were sent to Baytown Supply in Houston, which was the next leg up on the supply chain, and Baytown Supply supplied the valves to the end user, ARCO. International Valve invoiced Baytown

for Crane Valves (document 6), even though SCV had invoiced International Valve for SCV Valves (document 3). Upon receipt of the valves, Baytown Supply sent them to Liberty Valve, a Crane distributor, for testing. All of the valves passed testing and Liberty Valve billed Baytown Supply for their service (attached document 7). Baytown Supply picked up the valves via will call. During testing of the valves, Liberty Valve found some newspapers in the packing containers that contained Chinese characters, and became suspicious of the origin of the valves. They contacted Crane, and Crane recovered the valves from either Baytown Supply or Arco and returned them to Liberty Valve. Crane sent experts on Crane Valves who, according to their report in court documents (attached document 8) stated that the valves were counterfeit. They identified them as counterfeit by the fact that the dimensions of the valves were equal to Crane 2500psi valves and that they had updated internal mechanisms. They stated that Crane 1500psi valves weighed 190lbs and that the counterfeit valves weighed 270lbs.

Now comes the interesting part, by the time that International Valve had to pay Amesse for the welding services they were aware that Liberty Valve, Crane, Baytown Supply and ARCO knew the valves were counterfeit. They did not want to pay Amesse with an International Valve check since they were aware that what they had directed Amesse to do was illegal. Jack Killoren, a partner in International Valve, a Texas Company, had a sister-in-law, Lori Landman, who lived in Southern California. He sent her a check (Document 9), and asked her to obtain a cashiers' check at a local bank for \$320.00 in which they would pay Amesse. She obtained the cashiers' check, and mailed the check to International Valve in Texas. International Valve mailed the check to Amesse Welding in South Gate, California with "Remitter: Southern California Valve written on the check (Document 10) Note that the typewriting on "Remitter Southern California Valve" is different than the typewriting on the rest of the check. Please observe that this shows International Valve owed Amesse for the work they contracted, and knew what they were doing by directing Amesse to do this work was not legal. It also shows that SCV did not pay Amesse or direct him to do anything. International tried to make it look like Southern California Valve Co. paid for this, even though our name at the time was Southern California Valve Maintenance Company. International Valve paid her to obtain this cashiers' check fraudulently and tried to make it appear as if Southern California Valve Maintenance was the remitter. The Crane attorneys, when they wrote their subpoena for Lori Landman stated that whoever wrote the check for payment to Amesse goes to the determination of liability in this action (Document 11 page 2 of 2 lines 13 – 17).

For years, the NRC through this Information Notice has stated that the valves failed pressure testing, making it appear that our valves were junk. The invoice from Liberty Valve to Baytown refutes this, and shows that they all passed test. Also, from 1991 to 2007 this Information Notice stated that "it was determined that the Southern California Valve Maintenance Company sold counterfeit valves to ARCO", which has caused untold damage to our company. The NRC could not have determined that we sold counterfeit valves to ARCO because they did not make an investigation into the facts of this case. Southern California Valve sold SCV valves to International Valve, as stated on our invoice to International Valve, so what exactly did we counterfeit? Southern California Valve had no control over what the customer did to the valves after the customer took possession of the valves. The wording was changed in 2007 when we challenged it. The new wording only insinuated we were involved but is still very damaging to us. At that time, we could not find the Lori Landman deposition, or the check in which International paid Amesse, which conclusively shows that International Valve was the party who directed and paid for the

name change. We also could not locate the invoice from Liberty Valve which shows that the valves passed testing. Now that we have located these documents, the production of these documents should be enough to challenge the veracity of Information Notice 1991-09, and to get it removed from your data base, or to get it changed to exonerate Southern California Valve from any accusations or insinuations that Southern California Valve participated in counterfeiting of valves.


In addition, I am attaching a copy of the deposition of Lori Landman which shows the extent of what International Valve did to try to cover up their payment to Amessee. I am also attaching a copy of a revised Information Notice 1991-09 with the corrections/clarifications annotated in blue.

In summary we have presented documents that show:

1. That we imported valves with SCV cast onto the valve body.
2. That we sold valves to International Valve with SCV cast onto the valve body
3. That we delivered valves for International Valve with SCV cast onto the valve body
4. That International Valve paid Amessee Welding for welding work, and that the bill from Amessee to International Valve was for work on Crane valves
5. That the valves passed testing at Liberty Valve
6. That even though International Valve received SCV valves per the SCV invoice they billed Baytown Valve for Crane Valves

If the NRC has any documents or proof that show Southern California Valve Maintenance either counterfeited or was a party, in any way, to the counterfeiting of these valves please present it to us. We feel that you were fed false information from somebody and did not properly investigate it or verify any facts. As an example of what this has cost us, we just lost a \$3,000,000 sale this week to the State owned Oil Company in Mexico as a result of their receipt of a copy of this Information Notice. (attached document 11). In the past 4 years we have lost in excess of \$18,000,000 in business from this one company alone, due to the fact that they claim Southern California Valve are counterfeiters. Even though we have the right price and delivery and meet the project specification, we still have never been awarded any of these large contracts, but we have been given copies of the NRC notice as to why they will not do business with us.

Thank you



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