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Craig Caris
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SUBJECT: RONAN ENGINEERING COMPANY - NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC Inspection Report No. 03037204/2015-001)

Dear Mr. Caris:

This refers to the inspection conducted on January 14, 2015, at the Ronan Engineering Company (Ronan) facility in Florence, Kentucky. The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety, common defense and security, and to compliance with NRC requirements. The inspection findings were discussed with you during the final inspection exit meeting conducted on May 20, 2015. The inspection was documented in NRC Inspection Report No. 03037204/2015-001, provided to you in our letter dated June 1, 2015.

In the letter transmitting the inspection report, the NRC indicated that based on the results of this inspection, the NRC identified one or more apparent security-related violations¹ which were being considered for escalated enforcement in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. Because the apparent violation (or violations) involved security-related information, the details were provided in a non-public inspection report enclosed with the June 1, 2015, letter. In the letter, we also provided you an opportunity to address the apparent violation (or violations) described in the report by either attending a pre-decisional enforcement conference (PEC) or by providing a written response before we made our final enforcement decision. In a telephone call with Mr. Blake Welling of my staff on June 10, 2015, you conveyed that neither a PEC nor a written response would be necessary.

Therefore, based on information developed during the inspection, the NRC has determined that one or more violations of NRC requirements occurred, and is/are subject to escalated enforcement action. The violation (or violations) is/are cited in a Notice of Violation (Notice) enclosed in a non-publicly available version of this letter. The circumstances surrounding the violation (or violations) are documented in the above-referenced inspection report.

¹ In accordance with NRC Enforcement Guidance Memorandum (EGM) 15-001, "Documentation of Security-Related Information in Publicly-Available Cover Letters Related to Enforcement Documents," the number of violations characterized above Severity Level IV is not specified in publicly-available documents.

A base civil penalty is considered for any escalated violation. However, because your facility had not been the subject of escalated enforcement actions within the past two years or two inspections, the NRC considered whether credit was warranted for Corrective Action in accordance with the civil penalty assessment process in the Enforcement Policy. The NRC determined that corrective action credit is warranted, because Ronan took corrective actions which were prompt and comprehensive. The corrective actions are documented in the subject inspection report.

In recognition of these prompt and comprehensive corrective actions, I have been authorized, after consultation with the Director, Office of Enforcement, not to propose a civil penalty. However, significant violations in the future could result in a civil penalty. In addition, issuance of the Notice of Violation constitutes escalated enforcement action which may subject Ronan to increased inspection effort.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding: (1) the reason for the violation(s); (2) the actions planned or already taken to address the violation(s) and prevent recurrence; and, (3) the date when full compliance was achieved, is already adequately addressed on the docket in the Inspection Report 03037204/2015-001. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description in the inspection report does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond, because this issue involves security-related information, your response will not be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, you are required to provide the level of protection described in the non-publicly available version of this letter. Otherwise, you should mark your entire response, "Security-Related Information – Withhold Under 10 CFR 2.390."

Sincerely,

/RA/

Daniel H. Dorman
Regional Administrator

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