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Docket No. 030-17570

License No. 37-17637-02

E. L. Conwell & Company
ATTN: Walter Capper, P.E.
General Manager
Continental Business Center
Front and Ford Streets
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania 19405

Dear Mr. Capper:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 030-17570/92-001

On November 6, 1992, Mr. Steven Courtemanche of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at the above address and a temporary job site in Hatfield, Pennsylvania of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. This also refers to the telephone conversation on November 10, 1992 between Mr. Charles Snyder and Mr. Courtemanche. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed as Appendix A and categorizes the violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

The item described in the attached Notice of Violation involving the storage and control of licensed material is classified as a Severity Level IV violation. As indicated in Supplement IV of the NRC Enforcement Policy, significant violations of this type are normally classified as Severity Level III. However, after careful consideration of the factors involved in this specific instance, it is felt this incident posed a minimal health and safety problem. We have exercised our judgment under the NRC Enforcement Policy and have classified this violation as Severity Level IV. Similar violations of this type in the future may result in additional enforcement action.

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Please use the enclosed self-addressed green envelope when you respond to this letter to assist us in the timely processing of your response.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Francis M. Costello, Chief
Industrial Applications Section
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:

Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Charles Snyder, Radiation Safety Officer

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