

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

PQ Corporation  
Valley Forge, PA

License No. 13-26362-01  
Docket No. 030-32534

During an NRC inspection conducted on October 22, 1992, violation of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1992), the violations are listed below:

1. Condition 19 of License No. 13-26362-01 requires that licensed material be possessed and used in accordance with statements, representations and procedures contained in an application dated October 7, 1991.

- a. Item 10 of this application, entitled "Radiation Protection," states that PQ Corporation personnel will receive specific instructions in radiation safety precautions regarding the fixed gauges.

Contrary to the above, as of October 22, 1992 the current radiation safety officer had not received specific instructions in radiation safety precautions regarding the fixed gauges.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

- b. Item 10 of this application, entitled "Radiation Protection," paragraph ii, states that personnel will be instructed to close the gauge shutter prior to any work being done in a vessel to which a fixed gauge is attached.

Contrary to the above, on October 22, 1992, personnel working in the area of the fixed gauges were unaware that the gauge shutter must be closed prior to any work being done in a vessel to which a fixed gauge is attached.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

- c. Item 10 of this application, entitled "Radiation Protection," paragraph iv, states that signs will be posted displaying "Caution Radiation", the standard radiation symbol, and a statement that the shutter must be closed and the radiation safety officer notified prior to entering a vessel to which a fixed gauge is attached.

Contrary to the above, as of October 22, 1992 there were no signs posted displaying "Caution Radiation", the standard radiation symbol, and a statement that the shutter must be closed and the radiation safety officer notified prior to entering a vessel to which a fixed gauge is attached.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

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2. Condition 17 of License No. 13-26362-01 requires that the licensee conduct a physical inventory every six months to account for all the gauges received and possessed under this license.


Contrary to the above, from January 1992 to October 22, 1992, a period in excess of six months, the licensee did not conduct a physical inventory to account for all the gauges received and possessed under this license.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, PQ Corporation is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 799 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, 60137, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a demand for information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

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B. J. Holt, Chief  
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