



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV
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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-8064

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Docket No. 030-31327
License No. 35-27005-01

Midwest Inspection Services
ATTN: Lindy F. Glenn
Radiation Safety Officer
P.O. Box 748
Elk City, Oklahoma 73648

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 030-31327/92-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the routine, unannounced inspection conducted by Ms. M. Linda McLean of this office and Ms. Mary L. Thomas of NRC Headquarters on December 2-3, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Material License No. 35-27005-01 at Elk City, Oklahoma. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel, independent measurements, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice).

A review of pocket dosimeter records for this inspection period revealed that licensee radiographers had not always recharged their pocket dosimeters at the start of each shift. In fact, there had been numerous occasions in 1992 where the radiographers started their shift with their pocket dosimeters above 25 millirem, and on at least one occasion as high as 80 millirem. This was identified as a violation of 10 CFR 34.33(a), which requires that pocket dosimeters be recharged at the start of each shift. This violation had been identified during the 1990 inspection, and it appeared that the actions you had originally initiated to prevent recurrence were effective, since there were no violations identified during the 1991 inspection. However, the fact that this violation has recurred in 1992 questions the continuing effectiveness of your corrective actions. As discussed at the exit meeting, you should assure that your corrective actions will be effective in preventing further noncompliance.

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You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

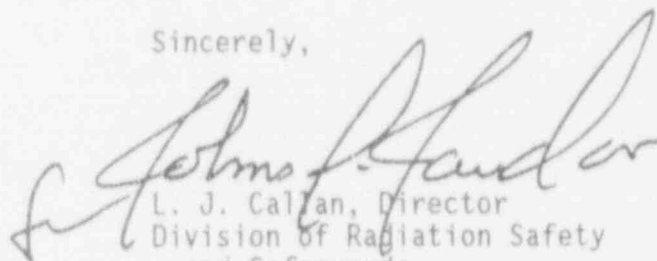
The licensee operates a non-destructive testing company which provides industrial radiography services in the Texas panhandle area and western Oklahoma. The licensee is also authorized to conduct these activities under a specific Agreement State license issued by the state of Texas, where it has its corporate office. At the Elk City, Oklahoma, location the licensee employed eight radiographers or radiographer's assistants and possessed six sealed source exposure devices used in radiographic operations.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the inspector identified above at (817) 860-8100.

Sincerely,




L. J. Callan, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

cc:
Oklahoma Radiation Control Program Director

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