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Charles W. Hehl, Director  
Division of Nuclear Material Safety  
**US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region 1**  
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Subject: NRC OI Investigation No. 1-95-034  
Reference: Docket No. 030-20787

Dear Mr. Hehl:

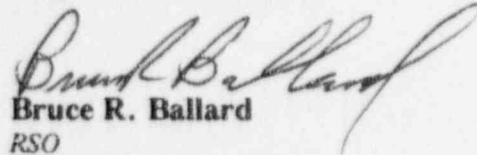
This is in reply, to the request that CNDE provide a written response to the findings of the Office of Investigations, as referenced. This reply is at the behest of Lino DeAlmeida, Jr., Chief Executive Officer.

The training certificate in question was submitted to the State of Alabama without CNDE realizing that it was not authentic. This occurred due to a deficiency in past practices, as the process had become routine and the chain of responsibility was too widespread.

The most probable explanation is that CNDE gave the open package to the individual, with the understanding they would insert the certificate at a later time, then seal and mail the addressed and posted envelope. A less likely explanation is that CNDE passed along a certificate without inspecting it or otherwise verifying its authenticity.

In the future, CNDE shall physically inspect all training documentation and take reasonable steps to verify their authenticity. Also all envelopes shall be sealed and mailed from a company office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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