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Mr. Matthew Kosmider  
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SUBJECT: REACTIVE SAFETY INSPECTION ALLIEDSIGNAL, INC., METROPOLIS WORKS  
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 040-03392/96004(DNMS))

Dear Mr. Kosmider:

This refers to the reactive safety inspection conducted by J. M. Jacobson of this office on September 10 and September 16, 1996, at the Metropolis Works. The purpose of the inspection was to follow up on your response to an Alert declared on September 9, 1996, due to a uranium hexafluoride release in the basement of your Feed Materials Building. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and other members of your staff.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of the as-found condition of equipment and facilities involved with the release.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the report. The violation for notification timeliness is of concern because the root cause appeared to be the lack of a timely response to a recall by a significant number of designated emergency response officers. The procedures violation is of concern because it indicates a weakness in your program for procedure development and review. In particular, we are concerned that the lack of formal guidance on the expected format and content of written procedures inhibits plant-wide standardization and consistency for writers and reviewers.

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.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by R.J.Caniano for

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Docket No. 040-03392

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation  
2. Inspection Report No.  
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