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January 15, 1993

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III
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ATTN: Mr. Roy J. Caniano, Acting Chief,
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to your letter of January 5, 1993.
The following is offered to address your concerns.

1. The District Construction Engineer, who is the head of the Department in which the gauges are being used, will review the license requirements step by step with the safety review officer. He will insure that the SRO is knowledgeable of his duties and that they will be carried out.
2. We have developed responsibilities within our organization and broken these down by position. With increased involvement we feel additional emphasis on safety will result. These positions are:

Certified Technician Nuclear Gauge Operator. These users will be given periodic training to insure their safety expertise is at the highest level.

Project Engineers/Supervisors-Immediate Supervisor. These people will work with the operators on a daily basis to see that NRC regulations are being met.

Area Engineer-Supervise Project Engineers/Supervisors. These people visit the jobsites on a weekly or biweekly basis and will check that regulations are being followed.

Safety Review Officer- Will make a minimum of two unannounced inspections each construction season for each user to insure that regulations are being followed.

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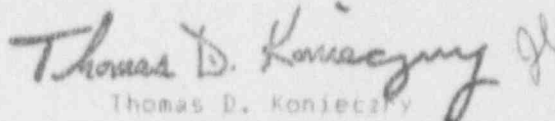
3. Additional Safety Training will be given the above mentioned positions before the upcoming construction season and continuing on an annual basis to reinforce all the requirements.

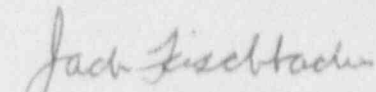
We intend to insure that the gauges will be operated safely and that all the provisions of our license are being met. Any users or supervisors found to be in violation will be dealt with according to our department's work rules. This would include disciplinary action if necessary.

We are sincere about following the NRC regulations and are concerned about the safety of our employees and of the general public. We intend to operate our organization with that in mind.

If you need additional information or require clarification of any of the above, please let us know.

Very truly yours,


Thomas D. Konieczny
Safety Review Officer


Jack Fischbacher
District Construction Engineer

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REPLY TO

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November 18, 1992

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III
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799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your August 11, 1992 letter regarding the initial safety inspection conducted by Ms. Wagner and Mr. Cameron.

We have implemented several actions that will improve the management control of our operations and intend to provide others in the near future.

Already implemented items include:

1. No longer include cleaning the source rod during gauge maintenance.
2. Restricting access to the gauge storage area in the District Office to the radiation safety officer or other authorized personnel.
3. Compliance of licensed activities during periods when routine activities may be interrupted is being followed.

Planned implementations include:

1. Providing indoctrination and retraining to all personnel working with gauges.
2. Independently reviewing activities to ensure compliance of licensed activities.
3. Providing satisfactory methods of blocking and bracing gauges during transportation. The methods will be specific for the vehicles involved.
4. Providing adequate storage and security requirements within remote construction offices.

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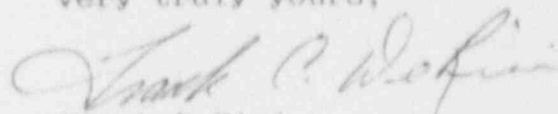
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We feel that with these items in place, we will adequately comply with the conditions of our license.

We appreciate your working with us and pointing out our shortcomings. Hopefully we will satisfy your requirements and provide the utmost in safety to all parties involved.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank C. DeRisi".

Frank DeRisi
La Porte District
Director

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