



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV
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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

May 20, 1985

Docket: 30-13047/85-01
30-13047/85-02

EA 85-53

Oil Well Perforators, Inc.
ATTN: L. B. Putman, Vice President
Box 399
Mills, Wyoming 82644

Gentlemen:

This refers to the special, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Messrs. D. B. Spitzberg and C. A. Hooker of this office on February 19-20, 1985, and March 27, 1985, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License 49-17609-01 and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspectors with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The enclosed NRC Inspection Report 30-13047/85-01 documents this inspection. This also refers to the Enforcement Conference held at the Region IV office on March 19, 1985, between Mr. L. B. Putman and Mr. R. L. Bangart of our office to discuss the findings of the NRC inspection. The enclosed Inspection Report 30-13047/85-02 documents this conference.

The inspection was an examination of the 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 observations by the inspectors.

During this inspection certain of your activities were found not to be conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. Several violations of NRC requirements, as described in the Notice of Violation, were identified including a violation involving the use of licensed materials by unauthorized individuals. These violations reflect a lack of management control over licensed activities. The violation involving the use of licensed material by unauthorized individuals is classified as a Severity Level III violation in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1985). Normally a civil penalty is proposed for a Severity Level III violation. However, after consultation with the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, I have decided not to propose a civil penalty in this case. I have taken into consideration your prior good performance and your corrective actions described during the enforcement conference.

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 also document the corrective actions described during the enforcement conference. Your reply to this letter and the results of future inspections will be considered in determining whether further enforcement action is appropriate.

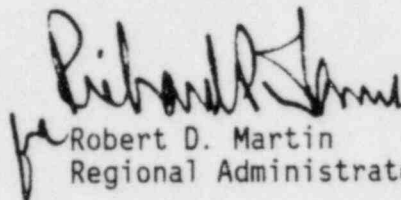
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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


Robert D. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 30-13047/85-01
3. Appendix C - NRC Inspection Report 30-13047/85-02

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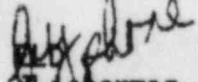
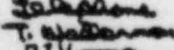
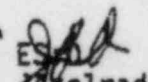


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