



July 2, 1985

Mr. W. L. Axelson, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety &
Safeguards Branch - Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Ref: License No. 04-19644-01

Dear Mr. Axelson:

I have been asked to respond to your letter of June 5, 1985 to Mr. Allan Chin, President, Radiation Sterilizers, Inc., describing an activity found to be in non-compliance at the RSI Schaumburg facility when the special safety inspection was conducted on May 13, 1985.

The one item cited was that the irradiator was operated on March 24, 1985 with only one person in attendance.

Our corrective action taken after the May 13, 1985 inspection was to immediately review with each shift operator the Company policy that states that each operating shift will be staffed with two persons. There have been no subsequent times when the system was maintained operational with only one person in attendance.

To avoid any further non-compliance our plant Procedure No. 40, System Operation, was revised on 5/24/85 to clearly specify the need to have a minimum of two persons in attendance during process operation, and that one of those persons must be a qualified user-operator. This requirement has been made part of our indoctrinational training at the time film badges and wallet dosimeters are assigned to new employees.

The requirement was further emphasized via a written document titled "Operational Rules" which is posted in the Control Room and at the plant bulletin board. That document was reviewed with all personnel.

We consider ourselves to be in full compliance since the date of the written procedure change, May 24, 1985. There have been no recurrences of the violation on the date March 24, 1985.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Thomas W. Hurley', is written over a light-colored rectangular area.

Thomas W. Hurley
General Manager

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cc: Mr. Allan Chin

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