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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Mr. A. Bill Beach - Regional Administrator
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SUBJECT: REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Beach:

Thank you for your letter dated September 3, 1996 regarding our "Notice of Violation, NRC Inspection Report No. 999-90003/9606 (DNMS)". The management team at Evart Products (TEXTRON) take this matter very seriously and would like to offer the following reply/answer and action plan for the cited violations:

First Violation - Failure to properly transfer or dispose of generally licensed material in accordance with 10 CFR 31.5 (c) (8).

Answer: On the weekend of January 20-21 our facility was working minimum crews, which were working in remote areas of the facility. The air ionizing static elimination devices were thought to be secured. Sometime during the above dates all three devices came up missing. Upon searching the production areas we were unable to locate the devices.

Immediately following your inspection conducted on June 27, 1996 our facility put the following action plan together:

- All NRC equipment will be signed in on a shift to shift basis.
- When NRC equipment is not in use the equipment (static air guns) will secured and locked
- All supervisors have been trained to the above procedure with all sign in sheets being sent to the Safety Office each week.
- Any missing NRC equipment will be immediately reported to the Safety Office. Also, an incident report and investigation will be completed by the supervisor and involved parties.
- Safety and Security will contact local authorities (police, sheriff or state police).

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Second Violation: On the night of January 21-22, 1996 the licensee learned that three air ionizing static elimination devices were missing

Answer: Although the three air ionizing static elimination devices were not in the production areas at the time of start up on January 23, 1996 it was believed that they had been misplaced. Every effort was made by the area supervision to locate the devices. This attempt took place for over one month. When the devices could not be located we notified the NRC.

Since the time of the NRC Hearing (August 9, 1996) we have discontinued the use of the air ionizing static elimination devices in our facility. All devices have been returned to the manufacture for disposal in accordance with NRC regulations.

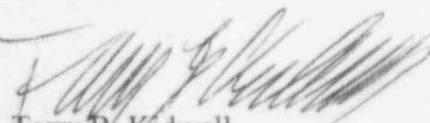
The following air ionizing static elimination devices serial numbers have been returned to manufacturer:

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| 85574 | 86368 |
| 85575 | 86367 |
| 85573 | 86366 |
| 86365 | 77124 |
| 86364 | 77123 |

Since the facility has eliminated the ionizing static elimination devices we see no further action plan to be necessary.

In advance, we appreciate your help in this matter. If you have questions please feel free to call me at (616) 734-9276.

Sincerely,



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Health and Safety Coordinator

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