

ENCLOSURE

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Sperry-Sun Drilling Services, Inc.  
Houston, Texas

Docket No.: 030-29470  
License No.: 42-26844-01

During an NRC inspection conducted on September 23, 1996, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 39.13(d) requires, in part, that an applicant establish and submit to the Commission its program for annual inspections of on-the-job performance of each logging supervisor.

License Condition 15 incorporates the inspection program containing the requirements of 10 CFR 39.13(d) as submitted in the licensee's application dated January 31, 1994.

Contrary to the above, as of September 23, 1996, job performance inspections for two logging supervisors who had worked at the Deadhorse, Alaska, facility had not been performed for calendar year 1995.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Sperry-Sun Drilling Services, Inc., is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C., 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in the Notice, an order or Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Arlington, Texas  
this    day of October 1996