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Docket Nos. 030-34144
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License No. 20-18489-02
General License

Mr. Michael W. Ellen
Chief Financial Officer
Tamfelt, Incorporated
28 Draper Lane
Canton, MA 02021

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NOS. 030-34144/96-001 AND 99990001/96-007

Dear Mr. Ellen:

On August 28 and 29, 1996, Mr. Steven R. Courtemanche of this office conducted a safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC licenses. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with Mr. David S. Powers of your staff, at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy), NUREG 1600. 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 document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

Please use the enclosed self-addressed green envelope when you respond to this letter to assist us in the timely processing of your response. In accordance with Section 2.790 of NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response 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

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the public. The responses directed by this letter and the 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.

It was noted during the inspection that the State of New York was not notified of work conducted on June 25, 1996, in Plattsburgh, New York under their jurisdiction with your NRC license. It is our understanding from a discussion with the RSO that the above situation occurred because the RSO was not available to review the work request and the person signing out the gauge was unfamiliar with the requirements for reciprocity. Enclosed is a list of Agreement State contacts for your use. The State of New York is being sent a copy of this letter.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Duncan White

for Francis M. Costello, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch 3
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Agreement State Contact List

cc w/enclosure:
David S. Powers, Radiation Safety Officer
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State of New York

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