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December 16, 1996

Mr. Richard L. Arsenault
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-29470/96-01

Dear Mr. Arsenault:

This refers to your letter of December 3, 1996, in response to our Notice of violation (Notice) dated October 22, 1996. We have reviewed your reply and find that no further information is needed at this time regarding the violation described in the Notice. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda L. Howell", is positioned above the typed name and title.

Linda L. Howell, Chief
Nuclear Materials Inspection and
Fuel Cycle/Decommissioning Branch

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

cc: Texas Radiation Control Program Director

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Re: Reply to a Notice of Violation
USNRC License # 42-26844-01
Docket No. 030-29470

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of the NRC Inspection 030-29470/96-01 and Notice of Violation dated 22 October, 1996. We appreciate the 15 day extension provided to us by Richard A. Leonardi, Jr. of USNRC Region IV office since we were not able to respond to this notice of violation within the required 30 day time period.

The notice of violation states:

10CFR 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.

The violation occurred as a result of the District Management failing to allow time for consistently performing the Radiation Safety Program responsibilities of the annual inspections of on-the-job performance of each logging supervisors as required by 10CFR 39.13(d) and the License Condition 15.

The Corrective Action to address the violation was discussed with both the District Manager and District Radiation Safety Officer. They have assured me that all logging supervisors who do not have a current annual field inspection will have one performed in the very near future if it has not already been done. I have already received evidence of this being performed and these have been placed in the respective personnel files and are available for inspection.

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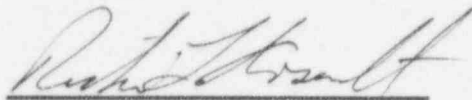
The corrective action to avoid further violations of this type will consist of written discussion of this violation with a written certification of understanding by the District Manager and District Radiation Safety Officer on the following:

1. The requirements of the annual field inspection requirements.
2. This violation.
3. The consequences on failure to meet these requirements.

We expect full compliance with the annual field inspection requirements by 31 December, 1996.

Please call Richard Arsenault at (281) 871-4144 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Richard L. Arsenault, CSP
Radiation Safety Director
Manager, Compliance Assurance - Worldwide
Sperry-Sun Drilling Services, Inc.

cc: R. Clark
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