



October 4, 1996

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
License Fee and Debt Collection Branch
Office of the Controller
Washington DC 20555

Attention: Glenda C. Jackson

Dear Ms. Jackson:

There is a problem with our Annual Materials Fee Invoices.

US NRC Registry of Radioactive Sealed Sources and Devices

ABB Industrial Systems Inc. has five current active device registrations. We received and paid invoices in July, 1996 for FY96 annual fees for these five active registrations.

We also have six inactive device registrations, including:

NR0109D823G, formerly registered as NR0109D104G, made inactive by NRC June 9, 1993.

NR0109D825B, formerly registered as NR0109D110B, made inactive by NRC June 9, 1993.

The Problem

On August 26, 1996, we received erroneous invoices dated August 22, 1996 for FY96 annual fees for the two inactive device registrations listed above.

On September 4, 1996, Sandra Kimberly, US NRC, left a voice-mail message that these were erroneous invoices and should be ignored. On September 5, you called me to repeat this message, and confirmed with Kimberly during that call that she had left her message. You also promised that this would not happen again. However, on October 4 we received overdue notices, with administrative charges and interest, for the same two inactive registrations.

This makes at least 12 erroneous invoices which we have received for inactive registrations during the past five years. Those invoices received in 1992, 93, and 94 were contested and canceled by NRC with assurances that records had been corrected and the problem alleviated. (Please refer to the facsimile transmission dated August 24, 1994 from John R. Dukes to Glenda Jackson, a copy is enclosed.) I was assured again on September 5 that the problem was corrected; obviously it continues.

On October 4, we spoke again, and you advised me to ignore the overdue notices. But I promised to follow up with this letter to document the correct numbers, etc.

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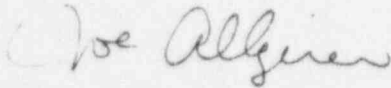
Resolution

Please help us resolve this recurring problem by doing the following:

1. Officially cancel the two erroneous invoices dated August 22, 1996 and the two overdue notices dated September 23, 1996, as you have done in the past several years.
2. Correct your system and records to eliminate this repeated preparation of invoices for long-inactive registrations.
3. Assure that all of your records have our correct mailing address as follows:
ABB Industrial Systems Inc.
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P. O. Box 82650
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Attention: Joseph P. Allgeier, Director - Radiological Operations Center.
4. Send me evidence of these actions.

Thank you for your understanding and your assistance.

Sincerely,



Joseph P. Allgeier
Director - Radiological Operations Center

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