

September 13, 1996

Eastern Associated Coal Corporation
Wells/Rocklick Business Unit
ATTN: Mr. Don Rector
Radiation Safety Office
P. O. Box 29
Wharton, WV 25208

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 47-24809-01/96-01 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Rector:

This refers to the inspection conducted on August 28-29, 1996. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Wells, Rocklick, and NuEast facilities. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Mr. James Crawford by telephone on September 12, 1996.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license with respect to radiation safety and compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license. It included selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and direct observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). We are concerned with the number of violations, since this appears to indicate a lack of management oversight over the Radiation Safety program.

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. 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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and any reply will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,
(original signed by
J. P. Potter)

John P. Potter, Chief
Materials Licensing/Inspection Branch II
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

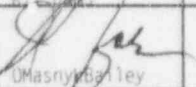
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Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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