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Docket No. 030-33950

License No. 20-30249-01

Mr. Neal August
President
Stowe Woodard Company
333 Turnpike Road
Southborough, MA 01772

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 030-33950/96-001

Dear Mr. August:

On August 28, 1996, Mr. Steven Courtemanche of this office conducted a safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. 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. Allen Killeen 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 the public. The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice

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It was noted, during the inspection, that on one occasion you failed to provide the State of Maine with advance notice of your intention to perform work with your NRC license under their jurisdiction. You identified this problem and instituted procedures to ensure that Agreement States are notified of all future work in the respective Agreement States. The State of Maine is being provided with a copy of this report.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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

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Enclosure:
Notice of Violation

cc w/enclosure:
Allen J. Killeen, Radiation Safety Officer
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State of Maine

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