

January 31, 1997

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SUBJECT: REACTIVE SAFETY INSPECTION ALLIEDSIGNAL, INC., METROPOLIS WORKS
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 040-03392/96007(DNMS))

Dear Mr. Kosmider:

This refers to the reactive safety inspection conducted by J. Jacobson and T. Tella of this office from December 16, 1996, through January 10, 1997, at the Metropolis Works. The purpose of the inspection was to follow up on your response to an Alert declared on December 16, 1996, due to a release of material from the ash dust collector on the sixth floor of your Feed Materials Building. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and other members of your staff.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of the as-found condition of equipment and facilities involved with the release.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the report. The violation, the failure to follow a written procedure, is of concern because it indicates that your loss of power procedures may not be as detailed and comprehensive as needed to ensure all emergency shutdown scenarios are addressed. In addition, the violation is another example of a concern noted in previous inspection reports regarding the rigor of your program for procedure development and review.

Based on our review of your corrective actions for the violation and the event during the inspection, you are not required to respond to this letter. Your proposed corrective actions, some of which had been completed by the end of the inspection, appear adequate to address the causes for and prevent a recurrence of the release event. The effectiveness of your implementation of the corrective actions will be evaluated during future inspections.

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

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Roy J. Caniano (for)

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Docket No. 040-03392

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No.
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