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RE: Reply to Notice of Violation  
NRC Report No. 030-17304/96001(DNMS)  
Document No. 030-17304

Gentlemen:

First, we wish to provide a reason for the violation which resulted in your issuance of the indicated Notice of Violation. As clearly stated in our correspondence of November 6, 1996 to Mr. Michael L. LaFranzo, as discussed with your representatives, Ms. Deborah A. Piskura and Darrell G. Wiedeman during their inspection of November 6 & 7, 1996 and as stated during our pre-disciplinary conference of December 9, 1996, the Violation occurred as a result of technician error.

The Violation occurred, because our technician failed to maintain proper control of the gauge or to properly secure the gauge before discussing the test results with the third party.

In regard to the corrective actions, the corrective actions taken, by management, to eliminate future NRC related violations are those outlined in Mr. Jack Scott's letter of December 5, 1996. A copy of this correspondence is attached.

As indicated during our pre-disciplinary conference of December 9, the corrective measures outlined in the designated correspondence have been placed in effect. However, to date, we have not been able to measure the effectiveness of these corrective actions due to a decrease in our workload. This decrease is the result

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of the severe weather conditions being encountered in the Midwest and their effect on the construction industry.

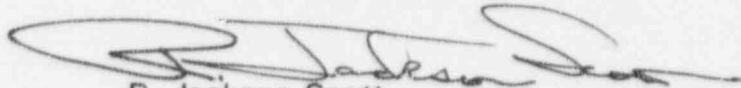
Management will continue to monitor the corrective measures to ensure that violations of this nature do not reoccur. If there is the slightest indication of a weakness in our program, the program and the corrective measures will be reexamined.

We the undersigned do fully affirm that the corrective measures or actions stated in this correspondence, as well as past correspondence and discussions are in effect.

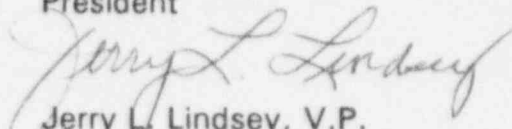
In closing, as indicated, H. C. Nutting Company's management is committed to eliminating all forms of nuclear related violations. If you should have any questions concerning our program, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

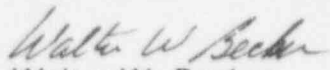
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