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Regional Administrator
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RE: License No. 49-27356-01; Docket No. 030-32190

Dear Sir:

This letter is to acknowledge the audit of Western Industrial X-Ray Inspection Co. by Mr. Robert Cameron of Hellier & Associates on August 13, 1996 and to provide a written response to the findings of that audit. Corrective actions are described below.

Radiation Safety Program: W.I.X. Inspection Company has strived to maintain its radiation safety program according to company standards and NRC requirements. W.I.X. Inspection Company is pleased that Mr. Cameron found no nonconformance items. Concerning the observation where the Assistant RSO conducted a field audit of an assistant radiographer during which operation he was the radiographer in charge, W.I.X. Inspection has adopted the following policy.

"Because of the limited number of personnel, W.I.X. Inspection will continue to have the Assistant RSO conduct field inspections of subordinate personnel for training and safety purposes only. To prevent further occurrences of the observation of August 13, only field inspections conducted while the RSO/Assistant RSO is not a participating radiographer will be submitted as the company's official quarterly inspection. All field inspections will be documented for training purposes, but only those used to satisfy NRC requirements as specified in 10 CFR 34.11(d) will be labeled as such official inspections."

W.I.X. Inspection operates under the nontypical condition of having one of its radiographers approved by the NRC, and named on the license, to act as Assistant RSO. Therefore, for safety reasons, W.I.X. Inspection still considers any inspection performed by the Assistant RSO/ Radiographer to be a valid part of its radiation safety program.

Field Audit of Radiographer Lance Atkin: Concerning the field audit, the auditor found that the radiographer had initialed, rather than affix his signature to, the daily job sheet. In reviewing W.I.X. Inspection Company's O&E manual, it was noted the requirement for a signature was to avoid having the radiographer print his name to establish the authenticity of the report. Although initialling a report is not printing, it is not considered a full signature. All W.I.X. Inspection radiographers/

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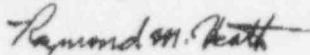
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assistant radiographers have been cautioned to affix their full signatures to the daily job sheet. This O&E manual requirement was in conjunction with recording the daily pocket dosimeter readings. W.I.X. Inspection is in the process of revising its Daily Radiation Job Sheet to a format where all pertinent information, such as personal dosimeter readings, are recorded on the sheet and the radiographer will put his signature on the bottom of the sheet. The line on the bottom of the sheet will specifically state "Radiographer Signature". This was a point of confusion with the previous job sheets because the space provided simply stated "Radiographer/Assistant" with no reference to the requirement for a signature. Paragraph 10.4.9(h) of the O&E manual will be updated to conform to the format of the revised daily job sheet. Until the new sheets are used, eliminating this problem, the radiographer will affix his signature to the current job sheet.

W.I.X. Inspection Company is pleased with the overall results of this audit and will implement the above corrective actions effective immediately.

Sincerely,



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