

November 8, 1996

CAL No. 2-96-017

Professional Service Industries, Inc.
ATTN: Adam C. Ackermann
Corporate Radiation Safety
Director
510 East 22nd Street
Lombard, IL 60148

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

This refers to our inspection of activities authorized under the license issued to your Bristol, Virginia, facility on November 7 and 8, 1996. The inspector was to follow up on a potential overexposure of an individual using a gauge containing licensed material. As a result of this review, it appears that an individual may have received an overexposure to the extremities (hands) while using the gauge.

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on November 8, 1996, it is our understanding that you have taken or will take the following actions which will be completed by the dates specified:

1. Restricted the exposed individual from further occupational radiation exposure until you have finished your investigation of the exposure event and your findings have been reviewed with the NRC.
2. Provided medical assistance to the exposed individual and will continue to do so to evaluate any medical consequences from the exposure.
3. Quarantined the gauge used by the exposed individual and placed it in secure storage. No maintenance, repairs, modifications, or other changes will be made to the gauge without first discussing the proposed actions with the NRC and obtaining the NRC's agreement.
4. Will evaluate the dose to the individual to determine the actual dose to the extremities and whole body.
5. Will inspect other gauges possessed under this license to determine whether there are operability problems, and inform the NRC of any problems identified prior to making any changes or repairs.
6. Will inform all individuals who use licensed materials of the problems with the use of the gauge that resulted in the exposure of the individual and will remind them that the source is not to be touched. This will be completed for each individual prior to their next use of a gauge.

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7. Will evaluate the extremity exposure(s) of other individuals who used the gauge.

Pursuant to Section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, you are required to:

1. Notify me immediately if your understanding differs from that set forth above;
2. Notify me if for any reason you cannot complete the above actions, and advise me in writing of any modifications, in advance of the change.

Issuance of this Confirmatory Action Letter does not preclude issuance of an order formalizing the above commitments or requiring other actions on the part of the licensee; nor does it preclude the NRC from taking enforcement action for violations of NRC requirements that may have prompted the issuance of this letter. In addition, failure to take the actions addressed in this Confirmatory Action Letter may result in enforcement action.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and your response will be placed in the NRC 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. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 404/331-5514 (voice) or 404/331-5559 (facsimile).

Sincerely,



Bruce S. Mallett, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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