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License No. 37-20955-01
General License

Mr. Joseph C. Piccioni
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J & L Specialty Steel, Inc.
Midland Plant
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Midland, PA 15059

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NOS. 030-22151/97-001 AND 99990001/97-002

Dear Mr. Piccioni:

On January 23, 1997, Mr. Steven Courtemanche and Mr. Eric Reber of this office conducted a safety inspection, at the above address, of activities authorized by the above listed NRC licenses. 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. In addition, our inspection examined the activities covered in your correspondence received January 29, 1997. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you 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.

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During the inspection, it was noted by the inspectors that your listed Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) had left the employ of the company on January 17, 1997, and the NRC Region I office had not yet been notified. An amendment request must be submitted to the Regional Office before February 16, 1997, requesting a replacement RSO along with the replacement's qualifications. Also, it was noted by the inspectors that one of the labels affixed to your Integrated Industrial System gauges is not located in a readily visible location (i.e., The label is under the C-Frame.). It is our understanding that you shall contact Integrated Industrial Systems so that a new label with the required information is applied in a readily visible location.

Your correspondence received January 29, 1997, to the Director of NMSS, states that you may have submitted the notification of the transfer of a generally-licensed device without receiving a replacement required by 10 CFR 31.5(c)(8). A review of the records in the file of NRC License No. 37-20955-01 and the NRC records retention system for general licensees does not indicate that a report was sent in as required. Your correspondence serves as the required notification, however, in your response to the enclosed Notice of Violation, you must provide your corrective and preventive actions for our review, or provide sufficient documentation that you have provided the report if you contest the violation.

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 are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Jenny M. Johansen, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch 3
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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