



USS  
Gary Works  
One North Broadway  
Gary, IN 46402

November 24, 1996

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTN: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
**FOR REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Docket Nos.       030-11205  
                      030-18849  
                      030-29080

License Nos.       37-02375-17  
                      13-07964-07  
                      13-07964-08

In response to a telephone conversation on November 22, 1996, with Mr. Michael M. LaFranzo, Radiation Specialist, Nuclear Materials Inspection, Section 1, NRC Region III, the following amplifying information is provided.

1. **License Nos. 37-02375-27 and 13-07964-07**

The root cause attributed to this violation is inadequate management oversight. The division radiation safety officers depended upon an outside contractor discovering readability problems while performing leak and wipe tests. The directions to the outside contractor were not explicit in reporting readability problems on labels. The presence (or absence) of a label was noted, readability was not assessed.

The corrective action includes:

- a. Reinforcing the importance of management oversight by division radiation safety officers to ensure strict compliance with license requirements, and
- b. Clarifying the instructions to the contractor performing leak and wipe tests to ensure readability of labels.

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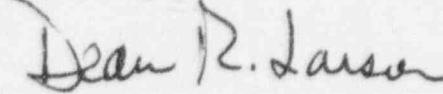
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2. License No. 13-07964-08

The root cause attributed to this violation was inadequate training of the Radiation Safety Officer. The RSO of U. S. Steel Gary Works is responsible for making any reports to the NRC. The previous RSO was, evidently, unaware of the requirement to make timely reports to the NRC in case of an incident involving damage to licensed equipment.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dean R. Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dean" being more prominent.

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