

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I

Report No. 30-17570/85-02
Docket No. 030-17570
License No. 37-17637-02 Priority 5 Category E2
Licensee: E. L. Conwell and Company
Continental Business Center
Front and Ford Streets
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania 19405
Facility Name: E. L. Conwell and Company
Enforcement Conference At: King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
Enforcement Conference Conducted: November 19, 1985
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Teresa Hall Darden, Health Physicist date
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John D. Kinneman, Chief date
Nuclear Materials Safety Section A

Conference Summary: Enforcement Conference held at the Region I office in King of Prussia on November 19, 1985, to discuss the violations identified during an inspection conducted October 11, 21-23, 1985, and licensee corrective actions for the violations. Enforcement options available to the Commission were reviewed.

DETAILS

1. Attendance

E. L. Conwell and Company

Walter E. Capper, General Manager
John Jaszak, Senior Technician

NRC Region I

James M. Allan, Deputy Regional Administrator
Thomas T. Martin, Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards
James H. Joyner, Chief, Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards Branch
John D. Kinneman, Chief, Nuclear Materials Safety Section A
Teresa Hall Darden, Health Physicist
J. Gutierrez, Regional Counsel
D. Holody, Enforcement Specialist
Robert Bores, Technical Assistant
Nancy McNamara, Branch Secretary

2. Summary

On November 19, 1985, representatives of E. L. Conwell and Company met with representatives of Region I in the Region I office. During the meeting, Region I representatives discussed their concern regarding the violations identified during the inspection conducted on October 11, 21-23, 1985, at the licensee's facilities in Bridgeport and Ormrod, Pennsylvania.

Licensee representatives acknowledged the specific violations and described the corrective actions for each violation. The licensee representative disagreed with a part of the violation for failure to conduct leak tests. NRC representatives stated that the violation would be withdrawn if information is submitted to show that a leak test had been performed on a gauge source prior to its removal from storage in Ormrod, Pennsylvania to the Bridgeport, Pennsylvania facility in August 1985.

The licensee representative also stated that the New Radiation Safety Officer who has been appointed at the Bridgeport, Pennsylvania facility and the Senior Technician at the Ormrod, Pennsylvania facility have been given instructions to carefully oversee the program and bring it into compliance. Further, he stated that a scheduling procedure for all required testing would be established and that the Quality Assurance program already in operation at the Ormrod facility would be extended to Radiation Safety functions.

Enforcement options available to the Commission were reviewed.

3. Information Received Following Conference

A copy of a leak test record dated June 18, 1985 was submitted to Region I attached to a speed memo dated November 20, 1985 which shows that leak tests were conducted on four gauges, Nos. 2066/235, 2026/204, 2053/227 and 2039/216 at that time. However, a leak test of the Campbell Pacific Gauge No. E 124 that is the subject of a portion of the violation is not included. The submitted record is attached.