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ADCO Services, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. James Bell
President
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Tinley Park, IL 60477

License No. 12-11286-01

Gentlemen:

This refers to the special inspection conducted by the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services, on September 20 and 23, 1985, and to the telephone conversation between you and S. R. Lasuk of this office on December 3, 1985, regarding your shipments of radioactive waste which were received at the U. S. Ecology, Inc. disposal site near Richland, Washington on September 20 and 23, 1985, and to a review of documents pertaining to those shipments.

Based on the results of this review, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation. A written response is required.

The violation for which you have been cited has already been the subject of enforcement action by the State of Washington. On September 20, 1985, the State of Washington suspended your burial permit.

In view of the circumstances surrounding this matter, we have exercised our discretion under the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions, 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1985) and have chosen to issue at this time the enclosed Notice of Violation. After reviewing your response to this Notice of Violation and your proposed corrective actions, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary in order to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In addition to our concern for corrective action with respect to the violation specified in the Notice of Violation, we are concerned about the removable radioactive contamination of up to 839,000 dpm per 100 cm² found on the floor of the exclusive-use vehicle (Trailer No. 744) included in your radioactive waste shipment No. 85054, which arrived at the Richland, Washington burial site on September 23, 1985. Since the inspection did not identify any packages (drums) in this shipment with excessive contamination, and the regulations (49 CFR 173.443(c)) specifically requires the contamination in the vehicle to be a result of a contaminated package, we are not considering this matter in the Notice of Violation. However, we are concerned as to the origin of the contamination on the trailer floor. Therefore, in response to our concern, please describe the steps you have taken, or plan to take, to control the contamination of vehicles used for future waste shipments.

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We have enclosed a copy of IE Information Notice No. 85-46 which provides, in Attachment 4, some clarifying information concerning the requirements in 49 CFR 173.443.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Jack A. Hind, Director
Division of Radiation
Safety and Safeguards

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Letter, dated September 24, 1985, State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services to ADCO Services, Inc.
3. Letter, dated October 4, 1985, State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services to ADCO Services, Inc.
4. IE Information Notice No. 85-46 dated June 10, 1985

cc w/enclosures:

DCS/RSB/(RIDS)

cc w/enclosures No. 1 and 4:

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J. L. Montgomery, Region V

A. W. Grella, OIE

RIII YES
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Lasuk/jlk
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RIII yes
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Sreniawski
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RIII yes
WVS
Schultz
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Axelson
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