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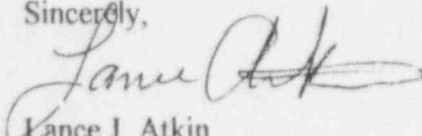
Re: Western Industrial X-Ray Inspection Co., Inc.
Docket No. 030-32190
License No. 49-27356-01

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed is a written reply to a Notice of Violation received by Western Industrial X-Ray Inspection Co., Inc. dated May 5, 1997. As required by the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, I am submitting an explanation and copies of all relevant documents.

If I can be of any further assistance with this matter, please feel free to contact me at (307)-789-0777 work or (307)-789-7727 home.

Sincerely,


Lance J. Atkin
Radiation Safety Officer

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"REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION"

Western Industrial X-Ray
Inspection Co., Inc.
Evanston, WY

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Violation #1: Timing of independent audit was disclosed to the Radiation safety Officer for W.I.X. Inspection Co., Inc..

(1) Reason for Violation: Due to the fact that I was not the acting Radiation Safety Officer at the time these audits were performed, I am unsure why the audit dates were disclosed to Mr. Ray Heath, who was the acting Radiation Safety Officer at the time these violations occurred. Mr. Heath resigned on January 10, 1997 and I was not approved as the Radiation Safety Officer until January 17, 1997.

I am now aware, since my contact with Mr. Cameron at Hellier and Associates, that his schedule is very limited. In addition to setting up the audits as early as possible, W.I.X. Inspection is required to prepay Hellier and Associates \$3000.00 before any confirmation of the audit will be given. One concern for W.I.X. Inspection is to have these audits conducted as near to the six month deadline as possible. The other concern is unnecessary financial burdens that could be placed upon W.I.X. Inspection, if the audit is conducted before the six month deadline. Therefore when initial contact is made to set up the audit, a timely manner and financial considerations are given to when the audit be conducted. When we are given a choice of possible time frames for the audit by Hellier and Associates, due to financial considerations the time frame nearest the six month deadline is preferable, thus disclosing when the audit may be conducted.

We are aware of that fact that Hellier and Associates could select the dates for the audits, but we feel that in all respect to Hellier and Associates they may select a date that would conflict with our six month scheduling and therefore put unnecessary financial burdens on W.I.X. Inspection and possible extra financial benefits for Hellier and Associates. However, even if Hellier and Associates does select the audit date, when prepayment is required the audit date will be somewhat disclosed.

(2) Corrective Steps Taken: Through communication with Hellier and Associates the timing and scope of future audits will be completely unannounced. (See letter dated May 19, 1997 from Hellier and Associates)

(3) Avoidance of Further Violations: As of now and in the future Hellier and Associates will be notified of the deadline for the next audit in a timely manner, which will ensure the audit is conducted before the deadline and in an undisclosed manner.

(4) Date Full Compliance Will Be Achieved: Compliance with the audit requirement has been achieved.

Violation #2: The second program audit performed on January 10, 1997, did not include field audits of radiographers.

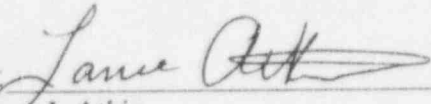
(1) Reason For The Violation: A field audit was not conducted during this audit, due to the fact that there were not any radiography crews working in the field on this date and no crews were scheduled to work in the near future.

(2) Corrective Steps Taken: Due to the fact that work in this field is very sporadic, W.I.X. Inspection cannot guarantee a radiography crew will be available at each audit. In reference to the last amendment to our license, W.I.X. Inspection is required to submit work schedules on a weekly basis to region IV of the NRC. This will give an idea of when radiography crews would be in the field and available for field audits.

(3) Avoidance of Further Violations: W.I.X. Inspection will do all in its power to ensure a radiography crew be available in the field for auditing.

(4) Date Full Compliance Will Be Achieved: Full compliance will be achieved when W.I.X. Inspection can guarantee a radiography crew will be working on a daily basis.

Western Industrial X-Ray
Inspection Company, Inc.

By 
Lance J. Atkin
Radiation Safety Officer

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May 19, 1997

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Reference: NRC Notice of Violation
Docket: 030-32190

Dear Mr. Wicks:

The last audit I conducted at your facility was on January 10, 1997, the deadline for the next six month audit would be July 10, 1997. In accordance with the stipulations of the referenced document, all future audits will be completely unannounced.

HELLIER's policy requires prepayment of \$3000.00 to cover the cost and expenses for conducting an audit. Following my January, 1997, audit Wix was entitled to a refund of \$215.84. It has come to my attention that this refund was never issued; therefore, this amount will be credited against my next audit.

Please submit a check in the amount \$2750.00 to cover the cost of the next audit. The check should be sent to Hellier Associates, Inc., 16631 West Hardy Street, Houston, TX 77060-6239. No travel arrangements will be made until the prepayment is received; therefore, in order to obtain the best airfare you should submit the check as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please call me.

Very truly yours,



Robert E. Cameron
General Manager

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