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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Regional Administrator, Region III
801 Warrenville Road
Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351

Subject: "Reply to a Notice of Violation."

Dear Sirs:

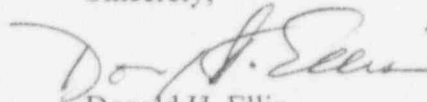
Please find attached our reply to the notice of violation date April 28, 1997, which was received by this facility following your compliance inspection performed earlier this year.(Attachment 1.)

This notice is referenced to License No. 21-19623-01, Docket No. 030-18998

The attachment describes the reason for the violation and the corrective steps which have been taken. As of the date of this letter, we have corrected the violations which were noted during your inspection of this facility. It is our full intention to prevent reoccurrence of the violations, and to comply with all applicable regulations.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Donald H. Ellis
Radiation Safety Officer
Associated Metals, Inc.

Enclosure: Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENT 1.

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- A. The conditions under which this licensee can provide service to a generator of empty shielding containers includes an explicit understanding by the generator that our service is not to be used for removal of any licensed material in excess of limited quantity, for any reason. This information was not included with each shipment of licensed material as a "limited quantity." As a corrective action, our policy and procedure for preparing licensed materials for shipment as "limited quantity" has been amended to include a notice enclosed in or on the package, included with the packing list, or otherwise forwarded with the package, which includes the following required statement: "This package conforms to the conditions and limitations specified in 49 CFR 173.421 for excepted radioactive material, limited quantity, n.o.s., UN2910." This policy and procedure are effective with the date of this response.
- B. It has always been our policy to perform a radiation survey of all packages prepared for shipment, and to handle labeled packages using appropriate radiation safety procedures until the labels were removed from the containers prior to processing. As a corrective action, our policy and procedure for shipping excepted materials in our own vehicle has been amended to include covering labels previously applied in conformance with Subpart E of Part 172 with the "Empty" label prescribed in 49 CFR 172.450. This policy and procedure are effective with the date of this response.
- C. It has always been the policy of this licensee to provide the required training for employees. In the instance resulting in this violation, more than one year had elapsed since the last training session for an employee involved in transporting packages. We have reviewed our policy and will conduct training in compliance with Subpart H (Training) of 49 CFR 172.