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June 13, 1997

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Re: "Reply to a Notice of Violation"
Docket No. 030-05271
Inspection No. 030-05271/97001

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is in response to Ms. Jenny M. Johansen's (Chief of Nuclear Materials Safety Branch 3) letter dated May 7, 1997 and also to confirm my telephone discussions on June 10, 1997 with Mr. Duncan White of NRC Region 1 office.

As explained to Mr. White, with regard to Violations A and B, DuPont honestly believed that we could operate the gauging device as long as the manual mode was still operable without being in violation of the License Conditions and/or the Regulations. We therefore concluded, erroneously, that the gauge was not a malfunctioning equipment nor did it fail to function as designed. As a result of our erroneous conclusion, we failed to notify the NRC in accordance with 10CFR 30.5(b)(2)(i).

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As pointed out in your May 7, 1997 letter, DuPont had taken redundant safety measures in both administrative and engineering controls. Therefore, any potential radiation exposure to any of our employees resulting from the failure of the gauge device was practically non-existent. Furthermore, we took immediate measures to get the manufacturer to fix the device so that it could once again operate in the automatic mode.

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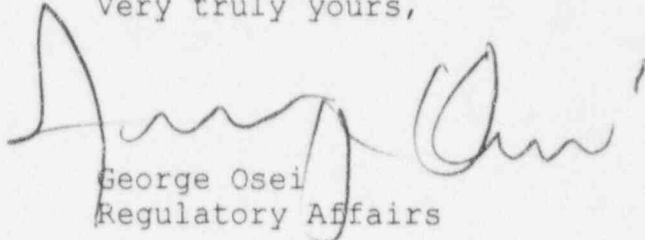


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While we do not expect the device to again malfunction or fail to function as designed, we have implemented procedures to notify the NRC if and when such or similar events were to occur.

Thank you for your cooperation and special thanks to Mr. White for his input and guidance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (908) 613-2186.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Osei", is written over the typed name and title.

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