



**"REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION"**

April 29, 1997

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTN: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D.C., 20555

cc: Regional Administrator  
Region III  
801 Warrenville Road  
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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is our explanation to the U.S. NRC regarding a NOTICE OF VIOLATION associated with License No. 21-24692-01 and Docket No. 030-29166.

**(1) Reason for the violation:** In 1992 Champion International Corporation received a citation for not completing leak tests on a 3-year interval as required in our license. After completing wipe tests at that time, plans were laid to ensure that this violation was not repeated. These plans failed in 1995 because they were not formalized and appropriate follow-up did not occur. This was discovered for the first time in the March, 1997 NRC inspection.

**(2) Corrective steps taken and results achieved:** Upon learning of the violation, wipe test kits were ordered from Ohmart and delivered overnight. Wipe tests were completed the next day, and mailed back to Ohmart via overnight mail. Ohmart analyzed the wipe tests the next business day (March 31, 1997), and faxed the results to Champion International. These results (no leak detected) were then forwarded that same day to the NRC. Hard copies were received several days later, and are maintained on file.

**(3) Corrective steps taken to avoid further violations:** The department where the violation occurred will utilize a computer program with the capability to generate a work order on a 3-year cycle. This will ensure that a work order will be generated whenever a wipe test is due in that department. The two other departments that have wipe test responsibilities have computer programs that generate work orders in place. These two departments will continue to use these programs in the future.

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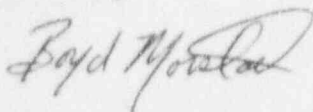


The Loss Prevention Department will back this system up with a computer based planner package, which also has notification capabilities. Finally, a meeting will be scheduled each January with all areas responsible for having wipe tests conducted. This meeting will focus on which sources on site will require wipe tests in the current year.

- (4) Date of full compliance:** All required wipe tests were completed, faxed to the NRC, and filed Monday, March 31, 1997. The Maintenance planning group for the area where the violation occurred, is scheduled to be switched over to the computer system that generates a work-order every three years by 5/12/97. The Loss Prevention Department is scheduled to have their computer bases planner system installed during May, 1997. This is the back-up system which is scheduled to be mill-wide by the first week of June, 1997.

If there is any additional information needed beyond what is contained in this letter, please contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Boyd Morstad".

Boyd Morstad  
Senior Safety Engineer