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**Doverspike Bros. Coal Co., Inc.**

May 1, 1997

**REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

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

Re: Docket No. 030-31365  
License No. 37-28449-01

Dear Sirs:

On April 11, 1997 a NRC inspection was performed that identified the above referenced violation. Specifically, the violation was listed in the Notice of Violation letter dated April 18, 1997, as follows:

- A. License condition 14 of NRC License No. 37-28449-01 requires that a physical inventory be conducted every six months to account for all sealed sources and devices containing licensed material received and possessed under the license.

Contrary to the above, as of April 11, 1997, the required physical inventories are not being conducted every six months to account for all sealed sources possessed. Specifically, the last physical inventory was conducted on October 21, 1994, a time interval greater than six months.

Doverspike Bros. Coal Co. offers the following Reply to Notice of Violation:

1. The reason for the violation.

Doverspike Bros. Coal Co. maintains one (1) Troxler model 3440 moisture-density gauge as its only licensed material. This gauge has been in temporary storage from 3-15-95 to the present. During this storage time, leak test have not been performed. The past practice for performing the six month inventory for sources was to perform the inventory when the leak test was performed. Since leak test were not performed, there was an oversight by not maintaining the six month inventories. Although the gauge was physically viewed several times during the period when the inventory was not performed, no written log was maintained to document an inventory.

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2. Corrective steps that have been taken.

The day the violation was identified during the inspection, an inventory was performed. This inventory brings Doverspike Bros. Coal Co. back into compliance with NRC regulations.

3. Corrective steps that will be taken in the future.

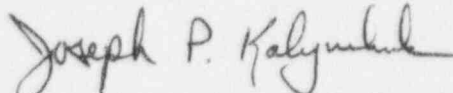
More emphasis will be placed on performing six month inventories in the future. Calendars will be marked in advance for future dates when the inventory must be performed. This will act as a reminder that the inventory date is approaching.

4. Date when full compliance will be achieved.

The actions described above which have already been performed by Doverspike Bros. Coal Co. have resulted in full compliance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (814) 938-3500.

Sincerely Yours,



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Radiation Safety Officer

CC: NRC Region I Regional Administrator  
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