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

Subject: Reply to a Notice of Violation

Dear NRC:

The Heinz USA, Pittsburgh Factory has received your violation notice dated April 18, 1997, containing violations identified as A., B., and C.. Our responses to the violations are as follows:

Violation A

The violation occurred because the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) named on the license has left employment with Heinz, and the Regional NRC office was not notified the Factory's RSO has changed. Brian Shuttleworth, Safety/Environmental Coordinator for the Pittsburgh Factory, is the RSO, and a request to place his name on the current license has been made. It will also be Mr. Shuttleworth's responsibility to ensure the correct name of the RSO appears on the license, should a change become necessary.

As stated above, a letter requesting the RSO name change was submitted to the Region 1, NRC office on May 14, 1997, and is included as Attachment A. Since the RSO name change request has been made, full compliance of this requirement has been achieved.

Violation B

The violation occurred because a new source was recently purchased and it was not added to the physical inventory. The source has been added to the physical inventory, and an automated work order has been created within the Factory's maintenance work request system. This system will automatically create a work order to conduct the inventory every six months. A physical inventory was performed on March 25 and May 14, 1997, and full compliance with this requirement has been achieved. A copy of this inventory can be found as Attachment B.

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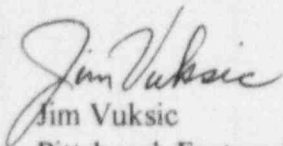


Violation C

The violation occurred because the shutter testing was not performed at the required intervals and properly documented. Although annual shutter testing did occur, the testing firm did not note this on all of their test reports. The shutter testing has been performed, and will be performed every six months during the physical inventory assessments. The shutter testing was performed on May 14, 1997, and compliance with this requirement is current. Documentation of shutter testing is also included in Attachment B.

Should you need any additional information, or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 412-237-5084 or Brian Shuttleworth, Radiation Safety Officer at 412-237-5075.

Sincerely,



Jim Vuksic
Pittsburgh Factory Manager
Heinz USA

Attachment A - RSO License Change

Attachment B - Physical Inventory/Shutter Assessments

cc: Regional NRC Administrator , Region 1
Brian Shuttleworth

ATTACHMENT A