

SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED:

Welding Material Sales, Inc.

P.O. Box 786

Geneva, IL 60134

REPORT NUMBER(S) 2021001

2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE

Region III

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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3. DOCKET NUMBER(S)

040-38399

4. LICENSE NUMBER(S)

12-35448-01E

5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION

March 5, 2021 with in-office
review through March 8, 2021

LICENSEE:

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are as follows:

- ☒ 1. Based on the inspection findings, no violations were identified.
- ☐ 2. Previous violation(s) closed.
- ☐ 3. The violation(s), specifically described to you by the inspector as non-cited violations, are not being cited because they were self-identified, non-repetitive, and corrective action was or is being taken, and the remaining criteria in the NRC Enforcement Policy, to exercise discretion, were satisfied.

_____ Non-cited violation(s) were discussed involving the following requirement(s):

- ☐ 4. During this inspection, certain of your activities, as described below and/or attached, were in violation of NRC requirements and are being cited in accordance with NRC Enforcement Policy. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting in accordance with 10 CFR 19.11.
(Violations and Corrective Actions)

Statement of Corrective Actions

I hereby state that, within 30 days, the actions described by me to the Inspector will be taken to correct the violations identified. This statement of corrective actions is made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201 (corrective steps already taken, corrective steps which will be taken, date when full compliance will be achieved). I understand that no further written response to NRC will be required, unless specifically requested.

TITLE	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
LICENSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE			
NRC INSPECTOR	Zahid Sulaiman, Health Physicist	Zahid M. Sulaiman	Digitally signed by Zahid M. Sulaiman Date: 2021.03.16 09:01:19 -05'00'
BRANCH CHIEF	Michael Kunowski, Chief, MIB	Michael A. Kunowski	Digitally signed by Michael A. Kunowski Date: 2021.03.15 17:34:06 -05'00'



Materials Inspection Record

1. Licensee Name: Welding Material Sales, Inc.		2. Docket Number(s): 040-38399		3. License Number(s) 12-35448-01E	
4. Report Number(s): 2021001			5. Date(s) of Inspection: March 5, 2021 with in-office review through March 8, 2021		
6. Inspector(s): Zahid Sulaiman, Health Physicist		7. Program Code(s): 11240		8. Priority: 5	9. Inspection Guidance Used: 87128
10. Licensee Contact Name(s): Bill Serio		11. Licensee E-mail Address: bill@weldingmaterialsales.com		12. Licensee Telephone Number(s): (630) 232-6421 x 106	
13. Inspection Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Announced <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Unannounced		14. Locations Inspected: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main Office <input type="checkbox"/> Field Office <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Job Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote		15. Next Inspection Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 03/05/2026 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Extended <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced <input type="checkbox"/> No change	

16. Scope and Observations:

This was an announced remote initial inspection of an exempt distribution licensee in Geneva, IL. The licensee was a welding material distributor authorized to distribute prepackaged tungsten electrode welding rods containing 2% thoriated tungsten electrodes containing Thorium Oxide as exempt material. The licensee purchased the thoriated welding rods from China and distributed to approximately 500-700 customers. During the reporting period of CY2020, the licensee transferred 20,192 units of thoriated tungsten electrodes.

Performance Observations

This inspection was conducted virtually through Microsoft Teams meeting and consisted of interviews with select licensee personnel, a review of select records, and an observation of security of the materials. The inspector had the staff described the package receipt process and customer order tracking system. Through Microsoft Team meeting, the inspector observed the labeling on the thoriated tungsten electrodes packages. Additionally, the staff explained inventory tracking system, the ordering process, as well as their methods for maintaining records of each transfer with no issues identified. Interviews with staff revealed an adequate level of understanding of the handling, packaging, labeling, and shipping procedures for the materials. The inspector reviewed the annual materials transfer report dated January 29, 2021, that was submitted to the NRC.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified as a result of this inspection.