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March 24, 2000

John I. H. Patterson, Ph.D., President  
Metorex, Inc.  
Princeton Crossroads Corporate Center  
250 Phillips Boulevard  
Ewing, NJ 08618

Re: Violation of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 459

Dear Dr. Paterson:

This letter is in reference to the inspection on March 14, 2000 conducted by Mr. Paul W. Harvey and Mr. Ernie Ranieri of the activities of Metorex, Inc. during the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. meeting held in Las Vegas Nevada. Mr. Scott Dale and Mr. Anthony J. D'Amico were contacted during the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the companies activities to determine compliance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 459.

The inspection revealed the following violation:

1. NAC 459.210(b) requires each out-of-state licensee to notify the division in writing at least three days prior to engaging in activities in the state in order to obtain reciprocal recognition of their license and authorization from the state to perform such licensed activities.

Contrary to the above requirement, Metorex failed to request authorization to engage in licensed activities in the state of Nevada. Staff observed Meterox demonstrating and using radioactive material without reciprocity recognition and having the required authorization from the state.

You are required to advise this office in writing within twenty (20) days of receipt of this letter as to the actions that will be taken to correct this violation, when the corrective actions will be completed, and the methods used to prevent recurrence of the violation.

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**Send your reply to the Nevada State Health Division, Radiological Health Section, 620 Belrose Street, Las Vegas, NV 89107.**

You are advised that due to this repeat violation of not obtaining reciprocity authorization and the poor compliance history of Metorex (reference our letters dated February 23, 1995, March 10, 1995, May 26, 1995, October 23, 1995), future reciprocity activities by Metorex, Inc. in the State of Nevada may be denied.

NAC 459.782(1)(d) requires this letter to be posted for the information of the employees. NAC 459.782(5) further requires this letter to be posted within five (5) days of receipt. A copy of your reply to this letter must also be posted and all documents must remain posted until the violations are corrected.

Sincerely,



Stanley R. Marshall, Supervisor  
Radiological Health Section  
Deputy Food and Drug Commissioner  
Bureau of Health Protection Services

cc: NRC Region I

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