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Mr. Jeff Wright/Branch Chief
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Material Inspection Branch
801 Warrenville Rd.
Lisle, IL 62532-4351

Dear Mr. Wright:

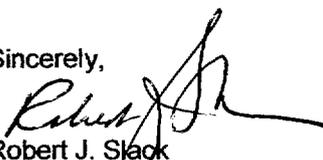
I recently spoke with Debbie Piskura of your inspection branch in search of an answer to my concern. She suggested that I contact you in writing to obtain that answer.

We, CONAM Inspection, are an industrial radiography company, licensed in various agreement states (Texas is one) and by the NRC. We are currently contracted to perform radiography at ANO steam generator plant in Russellville, AR during their steam generator replacement project. Their health physics (HP) department has informed CONAM that, in order to comply with their NRC operating license, they must place their HP personnel within CONAM's restricted areas in close proximity to our radiographers so they can perform their required surveys when the radioisotope (Iridium 192) is cranked out and in.

If they, in fact, must perform in this manner I am requesting the NRC to give CONAM written documentation that the above described practice is allowable and acceptable. I would additionally request that the NRC relieve us of the responsibility of assuring that these HP technicians are "safety training" compliant with 10 CFR Part 34.43 and agree that ONLY those radiographic personnel employed by and functioning for CONAM Inspection will be CONAM's responsibility if an on site inspection might ensue.

The outage is currently ongoing and I am hoping to expedite a response. If you feel this will/will not be possible, please contact me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Slack
Corporate RSO

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