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Honeywell International Metropolis Works

NRC Inspection Report and Notice of Violation dated December 17, 2003,

NRC Docket No. 40-3392

Dear Mr. Henson:

I am writing to confirm our conversation during the recent AIT visit in which you agreed to review an extension to the time period for Honeywell International, Inc., to respond to the above referenced Notice of Violation dated December 17, 2003, in light of the most recent December 22nd event. The letter requested a response within 30 days. We discussed the possibility of extending the response time one month understanding that the letter was delayed in the mail due to the holidays and to allow us more time to complete and review our common cause analysis in view of the most recent event of Dec. 22. Our intent is to provide corrective actions that appropriately address the root causes of these events to ensure that we operate our facility in a safe manner.

I greatly appreciate your courtesy in this regard. Please call me immediately if the above does not accurately reflect our conversation.

Very truly yours,

Darren E. Mays

Health, Safety & Regulatory Affairs Manager

CC:

Mr. Rory O'Kane (Plant Manager)

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