

February 25, 2004

Thomas Silva, President
Conam Inspection, Inc.
192 Internationale Blvd.
Glendale Heights, IL

SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2002-003

Dear Mr. Silva:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine if a Ultrasonic Testing Inspector was discriminated against for raising safety concerns regarding an exposure during radiographic operations at the Sun Oil Refinery in July 2000. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate that the Ultrasonic Testing Inspector was discriminated against. The synopsis from the OI report of investigation is enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact James Heller or Andrea Kock of the NRC Region III staff at telephone number (630) 829-9500.

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Sincerely,

/RA/ Gary L. Shear for

Marc L. Dapas, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Enclosure: OI Synopsis

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**For permission to release OI synopsis.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on March 25, 2002, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine if an Ultrasonic Testing Inspector at Conam Inspections, Inc., was discriminated against for raising safety concerns to the NRC.

Based upon the evidence developed, this investigation did not substantiate that the Ultrasonic Testing Inspector was discriminated against for raising safety concerns to the NRC.