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Docket No. 03019608

License No. 45-19971-01

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION 03019608/2005001, THE ROBERT B. BALTER COMPANY,
DULLES AIRPORT, CHANTILLY, VIRGINIA AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Tilman:

On May 18, 2005, Jenny Johansen of this office conducted a safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selected examination of representative records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed that categorizes the violation by severity level. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

Current NRC regulations and the General Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions are available at the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/mat-toolkits.html> and <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/enforcement> or by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-888-293-6498. The GPO is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by John D. Kinneman

John D. Kinneman, Chief
Security and Industrial Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Enclosure:
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cc:
Timothy J. Gray, Radiation Safety Officer
Commonwealth of Virginia

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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During an NRC inspection conducted on May 18, 2005, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, the violation is listed below:

- A. 10 CFR 71.5(a) requires that a licensee who transports licensed material outside of the site of usage, as specified in the NRC license, or where transport is on public highways, or who delivers licensed material to a carrier for transport, comply with the applicable requirements of the regulations appropriate to the mode of transport of the Department of Transportation (DOT) in 49 CFR Parts 170 through 189.

49 CFR 172.202(a) and (b) require in part, with exceptions not applicable here, that the shipping description of a hazardous material on the shipping paper include, in the following sequence: (1) the proper shipping name prescribed for the material in 172.101 (2) the hazard class prescribed for the material as shown in Column 3 of the 172.101 Table, and (3) the identification number prescribed for the material as shown in Column 4 of the 172.101 Table. Pursuant to 49 CFR 172.101, radioactive material is classified as hazardous material.

Contrary to the above, as of May 18, 2005, the licensee transported licensed material, a Troxler Model 3430 portable gauge, serial no. 31692, containing 8 millicuries of cesium-137 and 40 millicuries of americium-241, outside the confines of its facility, and the shipping description on the shipping paper that accompanied the shipment did not include the identification number prescribed for the material as shown in Column 4 of the 172.101 Table. Specifically, the licensee's shipping paper referred to identification number UN2974 instead of UN3332 and the gauge was transported on public roads.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement V).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, The Robert B. Balter Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

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If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, any response which contests an enforcement action shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

Your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) and on the NRC Web site. To the extent possible, it should, therefore, not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be made publically available without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

In accordance with 10 CFR 19.11, you may be required to post this Notice within two working days.

Dated This 7th day of June 2005