

March 9, 1999

Alonso & Carus Iron Works, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. Juan Pardo
Vice President
P. O. Box 566
Cataño, PR 00963

Dear Mr. Pardo:

This is in regard to my telephone call of February 23, 1999, with you and Mr. Rivera regarding radiographer certification. As you are aware, a revision to 10 CFR 34 changed the regulations for radiography, including the qualification and training requirements for radiographers. One aspect of the rule change was that after June 27, 1999, an individual may not be permitted to act as a radiographer until the individual has been certified through a radiographer certification program by a certifying entity.

You indicated that you had not yet scheduled certification examinations for your radiographers and that you had a concern that seven of eight radiographers in your company would need to take a written examination in Spanish. It is the NRC's understanding that to date, the approved certifying entities have not prepared a written examination in Spanish. We suggest that you immediately establish contact with one of the NRC approved certifying entities listed on the enclosure, in order to discuss your needs and to make arrangements for the examinations.

If you have any questions, please call me at 404-562-4731.

Sincerely,
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Mark S. Lesser, Chief
Materials and Licensing Branch 2
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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NRC APPROVED CERTIFYING ENTITIES

<u>Certifying Entity</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
American Society for Nondestructive Testing	Patrick Shively	800-222-2768
Georgia Radioactive Material Program	Neil Maryland	404-362-2675
Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety	Skip Gutzman	217-785-9915
Iowa Radiological Health	George Johns, Jr.	515-281-3478
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