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SUBJECT: INSPECTION 03036431/2005001, J. CORE DRILLING

Dear Mr. Cabrera:

This letter refers to your September 17, 2005 correspondence, in response to our August 30, 2005 letter. Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter. These actions will be examined during a future inspection of your licensed program.

With regard to your statement in response to Item C in the Notice of Violation (Item C1 in your letter) that, "The radiographer was not aware that the radiographer-assistant could conduct the inspection of the radiographer to satisfy this requirement," is incorrect. The six month audit must be performed by the RSO or his designee as required by 10 CFR 34.43(e). On page 8-14 of NUREG-1556, Vol. 2, in the discussion of Training for Radiographers and Radiographer's Assistants, it states that, "The person conducting internal inspections should have a minimum of one year actual experience as a radiographer." Therefore, a radiographer's assistant would not be qualified to perform the audit as the RSO's designee as required by 10 CFR 34.43(e). A consultant radiographer having one year's actual experience could have performed the 6-month audit when your RSO was incapacitated.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by John D. Kinneman

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