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Director, Office of Enforcement U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852-2738

RE: Reply to Notice of Violation, EA-05-091

Dear Sirs:

Due to circumstances evolving from the evacuation of the greater Houston area due to hurricane Rita, I will need an extension to the deadline for response to Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty.

Payment of the Civil Penalty is on its way and the response has been drafted. Due to personnel being away from the office, formal review from upper management and the legal department would have caused the response to arrive at your office after the September 30, 2005 deadline.

I spoke with Michael Vasquez of the U.S. NRC Region IV office. Mr. Vasquez granted a two week extension over the phone. Mr. Vasquez stated he would notify all NRC parties involved with an email.

Two weeks will be sufficient time to complete the reviews on the response. I hope to have the response in the mail well before the extended deadline.

Thank you for the extension. Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at: 713.272.4568 or email: michael.fontenot@thermo.com

Sincerely,

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