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To: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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RE: Reply to a Notice of Violation
VIO 50-134/2007-201-01

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR2.201, Worcester Polytechnic Institute hereby submits in writing our response to the Notice of Violation dated 7-30-07.

(1) Reason for the violation: WPI's current Emergency Preparedness Plan lists the approved hierarchy for Emergency Director as: 1. Reactor Director, 2. Director of the Nuclear Engineering Program, 3. most senior SRO. Following the resignation of our former Reactor Director Steve LaFlamme on June 30, 2007, we were temporarily left with no SRO until Roger Steele (a former SRO) can get relicensed. A former student SRO graduated and left WPI. The Director of the Nuclear Engineering Program no longer exists at WPI. So until Roger Steele gets relicensed, this leaves us with only the Reactor Director as potential Emergency Director. If the Reactor Director has to leave town, as happened during the inspection July 10-12, this left us with no potential Emergency Director.

(2) The corrective steps that have been taken: WPI's Provost ad interim, John Orr, signed a memo dated 7-12-07 appointing Roger Steele (ARSO and aspiring SRO, exam taken 8-7-07) as Interim Emergency Director for the nuclear reactor in those times when the Reactor Director is unavailable, and David Adams (RSO) as Interim Emergency Director when both the Reactor Director and Roger are unavailable. This shall remain in effect until a modified Emergency Preparedness Plan can be submitted by WPI and approved by the NRC modifying the Emergency Director hierarchy.

(3) The corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations: With the appointments of Roger Steele and Dave Adams as potential Interim Emergency Directors if needed, this adds depth of coverage for this key position in the event the Reactor Director is unavailable.

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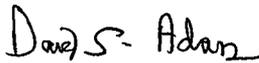
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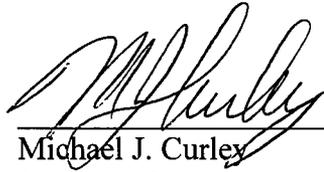
(4) The date when full compliance will be achieved: Full compliance was achieved on July 10, 2007, when the Provost signed the memo appointing the two Interim Emergency Directors, with the first person listed (Roger Steele) functioning as backup to the temporarily unavailable Reactor Director.

We certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. Executed on August 13, 2007.

Sincerely,



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