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October 19, 2007

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Dear Mr. Pietrowski:

Thank you for your letter of October 10, 2007, in which you responded to the deficiencies found during an inspection conducted on August 22, 2007 by me, and cited in our letter of September 21, 2007. Your corrective actions, as stated in your letter, appear to be adequate to correct the cited deficiencies.

Confirmation of your corrective actions will be conducted during a follow up or next routine inspection. Thank your staff for the courtesy extended to me during the inspection.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (505) 476-3061.

Sincerely,

*Daniela Bowman*

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cc: Licensee file



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October 10, 2007

Mr. Walter Medina  
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Environment Department  
Environmental Health Division  
Radiation Control Bureau  
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Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110

Re: Response to letter received September 24, 2007, dealing with the State  
of New Mexico Reciprocal Recognition of License for U.S. NRC Radioactive  
Materials License No.37-17717-02  
Inspection on August 22, 2007

Dear Mr. Medina:

This letter serves as our written response to the letter of violation dated September 21, 2007. This letter was received on September 24, 2007. There were three apparent violations indicated:

- (1) Contrary to reciprocal recognition condition 1, the licensee did not possess a copy of their New Mexico reciprocity letter.
- (2) Contrary to reciprocal recognition condition 2, the licensee did not possess a copy of the pertinent New Mexico Radiation Protection Regulations.
- (3) Contrary to the reciprocal condition 6, the licensee did not have a current leak test of their density gauges. The last leak test date for both gauges on site was January 26, 2007. According to the manufacturer, these model gauges must be leak tested every 6 months.

In response to items (1) and (2) above, L. Robert Kimball & Associates, Inc. (Kimball) made application to the state of New Mexico through Ed Vigil and Santiago Rodriguez in a facsimile dated August 17, 2007. This application for reciprocal use of nuclear gauges in the State of New Mexico was received and accepted verbally. Due to technical difficulties with either Kimball's or the State of New Mexico's facsimile machines, written authorization was not received until August 22, 2007 by facsimile. We have enclosed both the facsimile we received on August 22, 2007, and the original letter sent by mail which was received on August 27, 2007. Our

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technician, O.T. McConnell, III did inform Ms. Daniela Bowman that Kimball had received reciprocal recognition verbally, but had not received physical hard copy of the letter. Gene Pietrowski was assured that the letter would be faxed to him for his crew to use in New Mexico, but due to technical difficulties, the letter arrived by facsimile after Ms. Daniela Bowman's inspection.

In response to item (3), Kimball performs their leak tests every six months as per NRC regulations. Leak tests for the gauges on site were completed July 5, 2007. Current leak tests for the gauges were inadvertently left at our office in Ebensburg, PA. We have enclosed actual leak test results for your records.

We trust that this letter will be deemed an appropriate response to the letter of violation we received. Please call 814-472-7700 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gene R. Pietrowski  
Radiation Safety Officer  
Civil and Environmental Division

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Enclosures

cc: Donna Janda/NRC Region 1, w/enclosures