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Response to Apparent Violations in
Inspection Report No. 03030426/2007001;EA-08-015

In conversation with Mr. Craig Gordon on December 14, 2007 Aaron Ketchum, RSO officer for The Blair Bros., Inc., told him that all corrective actions to fix the violations Mr. Gordon found had been completed.

At the time of inspection the portable nuclear gauge was not correctly secured. The gauge had been on charge and was not behind two independent physical controls. We immediately corrected this matter by putting (2) two new door locks on our lab building, one on the exterior door and the other on the closet door where the gauge is stored. We also drilled (2) two anchor bolts into the concrete floor and ran chains through both side handles with a padlock at the end of the chain. This is in addition to having the handle of the gauge locked and in the safety position and having the case itself locked. Only approved and certified staff have access to the gauge. These corrective actions were taken within 2 days of the inspection date. Also the sign in/sign out USER LOG was not posted. It is now attached to the wall beside the entrance to the closet.

The second violation was not having a qualified person to act as the Radiation Safety Officer. Aaron Ketchum has been our RSO since 2004. His latest RSO Training class was November 13, 2007 with Humbolt. Mr. Ketchum downloaded a RSO Change Request from the NRC website and

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e-mailed it to the proper authority.

Lastly, the management oversight of the program has improved after the inspection. The RSO Officer went through all records, files, and papers in order to organize the program. Now all records, files and documents are organized and kept in a locked fire-proof safe. An annual review has been completed and organized in a Radiation Safety binder. Training records, leak tests, shipping documents and quarterly dosimetry reports are organized in files to be readily available.

We sincerely regret having these violations. We have completely re-done our Radiation Safety Program and have made it very clear that detailed record keeping is very important. We at The Blair Bros., Inc. assure you that we will continue doing everything within our power to keep this a well-maintained facility for our nuclear device.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard W. Blair".

Richard W. Blair
Vice-President