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Region III

December 16, 2010

Attn: Mr. Steven A. Reynolds, Director of Division of Nuclear materials and Safety
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210
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Subject: Response to the Apparent Violation in Inspection Report
No. 030-35029/2010-001(DNMS); EA-10-242
License No.: 13-321821-01

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

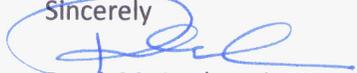
We are responding to your violation letter (Response to the Apparent Violation in Inspection report no. 030-35029/2010-001 (DNMS); EA-10-242). On November 9, 2010 during a routine license inspection, the inspector identified an apparent violation of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 30.34(i) involving the failure to use a minimum to two independent physical controls that form tangible barriers to secure portable gauges from unauthorized removal, when the portable gauges were not under the control and constant surveillance of the licensee.

The following corrective action compliance was conducted:

- Discussion of apparent violation with technicians to determine root cause of violation.
 - Root cause determination: Mis-interpretation of requirement. Assumption of 1 chain going through the two locks to secure portable gauges was sufficient. Corrective Action procedure was completed (see below for corrective action response)
- Corrective Action Response:
 - Additional locks and chains were purchased and nuclear gauges were properly secured with two independent tangible barriers and locks during transport and at temporary job sites.
 - Technicians were re-trained on 11/09/10 on the proper procedures of transporting and informed of requirements of securing the gauge cases with two independent tangle barriers during transport and at temporary job sites and securing gauges with two locks.

If you have any questions or if there are any additional requirements that need to be addressed, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely


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Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

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