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April 27, 2011

Pacific Steel & Recycling
ATTN: Raymond Wahlert
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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE WITH NRC REACTIVE INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Wahlert:

This refers to the reactive inspection performed at your facility in Bozeman, Montana, on December 3, 2010. The inspection was in response to the discovery of a device containing radioactive material at your steel and recycling center.

The device was identified by the portal radiation monitors as a shipment was preparing to be transferred offsite. Your staff safely isolated the device and contacted the appropriate authorities. The NRC dispatched an inspector to review the circumstances surrounding the arrival, discovery, and removal of the device containing radioactive material. The inspector also verified that your employees and the public were safe from excess radiation and that the material was secured until an authorized recipient could take custody.

The NRC sets limits for radiation exposures to individuals. The NRC inspector took measurements and performed calculations to verify that none of your employees had exceeded the NRC radiation dose limits. Your staff stayed below the limits due, in part, to adequate training in the proper methods for handling devices containing radioactive materials.

In summary, your staff was professional, courteous, and responsive to the NRC's questions and requests. We understand the burden that orphan devices of this type that contain radioactive material can place on your operations, but the NRC appreciates your efforts in helping to keep your workers and the public safe.

Should you have any questions concerning these inspections, please contact Mr. Jason Razo at (817) 276-6589.

Sincerely,

/RA Charles L. Cain for/

Roy J. Caniano, Director
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