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September 4, 2011

Mr. William M. Dean, Regional Administrator
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

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Subject: Violation and Civil Penalty for NRC Inspection Report No. 03035002/2011001

Dear Mr. Dean:

This letter has been prepared to provide you the details of our payment of the civil penalty of \$3,500 for the subject NRC Inspection Report. This letter has been prepared in accordance with the instructions in your letter dated August 9, 2011.


While we do not agree with the NRC's decision that our firm was in violation of the regulations cited in your letter, we will abide by the ruling as we do not have the resources or expertise to contest it further. Therefore, we have submitted a check in the amount of \$3,500 to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The check was mailed to a Post Office Box in St Louis, MO as instructed. A copy of the check information is attached.

We would like to point out that we appreciated the helpful attitude of the staff of NRC when dealing with this issue. We found them helpful and interested in helping us comply with a very complicated set of regulations. My only concern is the same concern I expressed at the hearing. At one point during the hearing, I requested that NRC staff provide some guidance to interpret the regulations as a particular regulation seemed vague and unclear. The response I got was that the NRC can not tell a firm whether they are in compliance, but can only react to reported violations to determine if the firm is in compliance.

From a big picture point of view, I do understand the NRC is not responsible for making sure our firm, or any other firm, is in compliance. However, there is something wrong with a government organization that is set up to monitor compliance but only provides input when it is time to assess a fine or citation. It appears the individuals in the organization want to help, but are prohibited from doing so. I strongly disagree with this type of mentality in public organizations and feel it gives entities like the NRC a bad reputation.

With submittal of this letter, we consider this matter closed. Please contact me if you have any additional concerns.

Sincerely,



Tadeusz W. Lewis, P.E.
Principal

Attachment: Check Information

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Check Date: 9/2/2011

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Invoice Number	Date	Voucher	Amount	Discounts	Previous Pay	Net Amount
Penalty	9/2/2011	000000000561	\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00
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