

February 28, 2012

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Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VALVE—RE: REQUEST TO REVISE OR RESCIND  
INFORMATION NOTICE 1991-09

Dear Mr. Scuri:

I am writing to you in response to your request dated October 27, 2011, and addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Information Quality Coordinator to revise or rescind NRC Information Notice (IN) 1991-09, "Counterfeiting of Crane Valves." This request was recorded in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under Accession No. ML120320012. Specifically, your request stated that IN 1991-09 contains incorrect and misleading information which is derogatory to the reputation of Southern California Valve (SCV). As part of this request, SCV provided a list of potential misstatements and corrections with proposed rewording. Also provided was historical documentation to support your position which your letter states includes information SCV recently acquired while searching through old court records.

Your request was referred to the NRC, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for evaluation. After reviewing your request, NRC staff concludes that revision or removal of IN 1991-09 is not warranted and your request is denied. The NRC previously considered revising IN 1991-09 based on your request submitted to the NRC in September 2005 to reconsider the facts related to SCV in IN 1991-09. In September 2007, the NRC staff issued Rev. 1 to IN 1991-09. This IN revision superseded the original in its entirety.

The NRC staff has reviewed SCV's information and determined that IN 1991-09, Rev. 1, is factually correct. The purpose of IN 1991-09, Rev. 1, is to communicate information to reactor licensees for the purpose of nuclear safety and not to make judgment on whether any specific party mentioned in the IN is guilty or innocent of counterfeiting. IN 1991-09, Rev. 1, states (a) that the valves arrived in the country as SCV valves, (b) the identities of parties that had possession of the valves, and (c) that the valves were delivered to ARCO/Liberty as Crane valves. However, other than Amesse Welding Service, the IN does not state that any specific party is guilty of counterfeiting nor does it explicitly state that at least one of three parties who had possession of the valves must be guilty of counterfeiting. Therefore, the guilt or innocence of any specific party can only be inferred. While the NRC is responsible for ensuring that the information in the IN is accurate, the NRC has no control over what a reader might infer from the IN.

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Please direct any questions about this matter to the technical contact, Paul Prescott, who can be reached at 301-415-3026 or via e-mail at [Paul.Prescott@nrc.gov](mailto:Paul.Prescott@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Timothy J. McGinty, Director  
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