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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555

Ref: RSA Laboratories, Hebron, CT Docket No. 03033025 License No. 06-30007-01 REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Sir or Madame,

This is in response to a Notice of Violation dated February 6, 2012.

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First Violation

RSA Laboratories admits the violation. The technician reported this incident to the RSO on the day after it occurred. The RSO questioned him at some length and instructed him on the reasons for dosimetry requirements and the importance of license compliance.

- 1. Reason for the violation. The technician reported that he simply forgot to pick up his dosimeter before going to the job site.
- 2. Corrective action. All badged employees have been reinstructed on the importance of wearing dosimeters while engaged in licensed activities. They are all now sensitized to the importance of wearing dosimeters. This topic will be further discussed during annual radiation worker training this year. The technician involved has re-read RSA's license and incorporated documents and has a better appreciation for compliance issues.
- 3. Corrective steps to avoid further violations. In addition to further discussing this topic during 2012 annual training, the RSO will periodically check employees to ensure that they are wearing their dosimeters while engaged in licensed activities.
- Date when full compliance will be achieved. RSA was in full compliance on December 16, 2011. All personnel required to wear badges were wearing them on December 20, 2011 when we packaged and shipped these gauges back to the manufacturer.



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Second Violation

RSA Laboratories admits the violation. The technician reported this incident to the RSO on the day after it occurred. The RSO questioned him at some length and instructed him on the reasons for carrying radiation detectors to the job site, for making his own survey measurements on gauges before unmounting them, and on the importance of license compliance.

- 1. Reason for the violation. The technician reported that the RSO at the job site reported to him that he had closed the shutters and had performed surveys on the gauges. The RSA technician now knows the importance of performing his own surveys.
- 2. Corrective action. All employees have been reinstructed on the importance of performing their own radiation surveys when engaged in licensed activities. This topic will be further discussed during annual radiation worker training this year. The technician involved has reread 10 CFR 20.1501 and now has a greater appreciation for the need to perform radiological surveys and measurements at job sites.
- 3. Corrective steps to avoid further violations. In addition to further discussing this topic during 2012 annual training, the RSO will remind employees who are preparing for work at a client's site to have a working meter and to make all necessary surveys and measurements before and during the job.
- 4. Date when full compliance will be achieved. RSA was in full compliance on December 16, 2011. During the packaging and shipping of these gauges on December 20, 2011, we had appropriate instruments and made confirmatory surveys before packaging the gauges for shipment back to the manufacturer.

This Notice of Violation was posted in our building within three days of receipt and it remained posted until February 23, 2012.

Sincerely,

K. Paul Steinmeyer, RRPT Radiation Safety Officer

cc: Regional Administrator, Region I