

July 28, 1997

CAL No. 3-97-008

Mr. Tom Ali, Senior Vice President  
Professional Service Industries, Inc.  
510 East 22nd Street  
Lombard, IL 60148

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER

Dear Mr. Ali:

On July 18 and 19, 1997, the NRC Region I office conducted an inspection at Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI) facilities in Pittsburgh, PA. That inspection identified numerous apparent violations, including examples of unqualified personnel conducting radiographic operations, at both your permanent radiographic facility in Pittsburgh, PA, and at a temporary jobsite, among other apparent violations.

Pursuant to a July 25, 1997, letter signed by Mr. Adam Ackermann of your staff regarding short term and long term corrective actions for the identified apparent violations, and a telephone conversation on July 25, 1997, between Mr. Adam Ackermann, Corporate Radiation Safety Director, Mr. Roy Caniano, Acting Director, NRC Region III Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, and others of our respective staffs, it is our understanding that you will take or have taken the following actions:

1. PSI's senior non-destructive examination consultant will oversee radiographic operations and conduct retraining of radiographic technicians and your proposed replacement radiation safety officer RSO, through July 31, 1997.
2. On July 25, 1997, a radiographer and a radiographer's assistant were authorized to continue the conduct of radiographic operations at your Pittsburgh facility and those operations were observed by your consultant.
3. Other radiographic personnel will be allowed to return to radiographic operations after completion of additional training to be provided by your consultant and at the discretion of your consultant, based on the individuals' capabilities and practices with respect to compliance with NRC's requirements for industrial radiography.
4. Your proposed RSO will not assume those new duties until he has completed additional training for that position, to be provided by your consultant.
5. Your consultant will conduct field audits of radiographic operations for each reinstated radiographer and radiographer's assistant, including your proposed RSO, prior to August 1, 1997.

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- 6. Either PSI's Corporate RSO or one of PSI's Senior Consultants will audit radiographic operations at your Pittsburgh facility at least every two months until PSI is satisfied that the training provided was effective and radiographers and radiographer's assistants demonstrate understanding of NRC requirements.

Pursuant to Section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, you are required to notify me immediately if your understanding differs from that set forth above; notify me if for any reason you cannot complete the actions within the specified schedule and advise me in writing of our modified schedule in advance of the change; and notify me in writing when you have completed the actions addressed in this Confirmatory Action Letter.

Issuance of this Confirmatory Action Letter does not preclude issuance of an order formalizing the above commitments or requiring other actions on the part of the licensee, nor does it preclude the NRC from taking enforcement action for violations of NRC requirements that may have prompted the issuance of this letter. In addition, failure to take the actions addressed in this Confirmatory Action Letter may result in enforcement action.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Sincerely,  
 Original signed by  
 A. Bill Beach  
 A. Bill Beach  
 Regional Administrator

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cc: Adam Ackermann, Corp. RSO  
 State of Illinois  
 State of Pennsylvania

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