

March 2, 1998

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

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Ali:

This refers to the inspection conducted on January 21 and 22, 1998, at the Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI), facility in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with NRC in-office review through February 4, 1998. The inspection reviewed the implementation of PSI's corrective actions described in PSI's letter dated December 4, 1997, that was submitted in response to the Notice of Violation dated November 5, 1997. During the in-office review, NRC evaluated two safety issues: (1) PSI's radiation area surveillance for a temporary jobsite at a multi-level parking garage, and (2) PSI's method of cleaning and lubricating drive cables. On February 4, 1998, the inspector discussed the inspection findings with your Corporate Radiation Safety Officer, Adam Ackermann.

During the inspection period, your conduct of licensed activities was generally characterized by careful radiation safety practices and comprehensive corrective actions for the previous violations. The PSI corporate management oversight of the Pittsburgh field office was strengthened. The new staff at the Pittsburgh field office had completed the PSI training programs. Based on interviews conducted by NRC, these new employees understood the PSI operating and emergency procedures for the radiography program, including, roles and responsibilities of radiographers and radiographer's assistants and trainees, use of personnel radiation dosimetry devices, inspection and maintenance of radiographic equipment, and maintenance of records. We were generally encouraged by the inspection findings, and noted that the Assistant Radiation Safety Officer at the Pittsburgh field office is observing work at temporary locations. Notwithstanding these improvements we reemphasize the need for PSI to ensure that effective assessments of staff performance are performed and that appropriate actions are taken to address performance weaknesses.

Based on PSI's implementation of corrective actions, all violations identified during the previous inspection were closed. The violations were: (1) failure to directly supervise radiographer's assistants at the permanent radiographic facility, (2) unauthorized use of licensed material by a trainee, (3) failure to provide a film badge to a trainee, (4) failure to record daily pocket dosimeter readings, (5) failure to notify NRC of a Radiation Safety Officer change, (6) failure to complete a quarterly inventory of sealed sources, (7) failure to complete inspection and maintenance of radiographic equipment, and (8) failure to ensure prompt processing of film badges.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection. No written reply to this letter is required.

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We appreciate your cooperation extended to the inspector and we will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning these matters.

Sincerely,

/s/ Roy J. Caniano for

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