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(07-2012)
10 CFR 2.201

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

# SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

| 1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED: | 2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE |
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| Independent Welding Distributors Cooperative<br>dba Weldmark<br>6331 East 30th Street, Suite 301<br><br>REPORT NUMBER(S) 15-001 | Region III<br>U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission<br>2443 Warrenville Rd, Suite 210<br>Lisle, IL 60532 |

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| 040-38379 | 13-35177-01E | October 15, 2015 |

**LICENSEE:**

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are as follows:

[X] 1. Based on the inspection findings, no violations were identified.

[ ] 2. Previous violation(s) closed.

[ ] 3. The violations(s), specifically described to you by the inspector as non-cited violations, are not being cited because they were self-identified non-repetitive, and corrective action was or is being taken, and the remaining criteria in the NRC Enforcement Policy, to exercise discretion, were satisfied.

_____ Non-cited violation(s) were discussed involving the following requirement(s):

[ ] 4. During this inspection, certain of your activities, as described below and/or attached, were in violation of NRC requirements and are being cited in accordance with NRC Enforcement Policy. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting in accordance with 10 CFR 19.11.
(Violations and Corrective Actions)

## Statement of Corrective Actions

I hereby state that, within 30 days, the actions described by me to the Inspector will be taken to correct the violations identified. This statement of corrective actions is made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201 (corrective steps already taken, corrective steps which will be taken, date when full compliance will be achieved). I understand that no further written response to NRC will be required, unless specifically requested.

| TITLE | PRINTED NAME | SIGNATURE | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| LICENSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE | | | |
| NRC INSPECTOR | Zahid Sulaiman | Zahid Sulaiman | 10/15/2015 |
| BRANCH CHIEF | Aaron T. McCraw | | 10/23/15 |

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| 6. INSPECTION PROCEDURES USED | 7. INSPECTION FOCUS AREAS |
|---|---|
| 87125 | 03.01-03.07 |

## SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION INFORMATION

| 1. PROGRAM CODE(S) | 2. PRIORITY | 3. LICENSEE CONTACT | 4. TELEPHONE NUMBER |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11240 | 5 | Ed Holmes, VP, Marketing & Supply | (317) 562-1483 |

☑ Main Office Inspection  Next Inspection Date: 10/15/2020

☐ Field Office Inspection

☐ Temporary Job Site Inspection

## PROGRAM SCOPE

This was an initial inspection conducted at the licensee's authorized location of use in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The license is an exempt distribution license. The licensee is only authorized to distribute pre-packaged tungsten electrodes, containing not more than 4% thorium. The thoriated tungsten electrodes are used for joining metal in welding operations. The pre-packaged thoriated tungsten rods are manufactured in China, imported in sealed retailed type packages to licensee's facility in Indianapolis, Indiana. The thoriated tungsten rod comes in various sizes and quantity per packet. The licensee does not open the packets and does not handle the welding rods. The licensee distributes the licensed materials to exempt users. The licensee's work hours were from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Performance Observations:

The inspector toured the warehouse where the material was stored. The inspector checked the box containing pre-packaged thoriated tungsten electrodes. Each package contained thoriated tungsten welding rods marked 2% thoriated. The inspector observed the packages, typically it comes in three or ten pieces per packet of thoriated tungsten electrodes. The thoriated tungsten rods usually comes in various sizes ranging from 0.40 x 7" to 5/32 x 7". The inspector reviewed the 2014 material transfer report submitted to NRC as specified in 10 CFR 40.53. The inspector discussed with the licensee's POC about the exempt distribution license conditions, regulatory requirements, and the licensee's responsibilities.

No violations of NRC regulatory requirements were identified during this inspection.