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November 20, 2015

Docket No. 03031172

License No. 37-28385-01

Robert W. Kratzer, President
Valley Inspection Service, Inc.
430 Business Park Lane
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18109

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 03031172/2015002, VALLEY INSPECTION SERVICE, INC., ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA SITE AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Kratzer,

On August 20, 2015, Randolph Ragland of this office conducted an inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection continued in-office until November 13, 2015. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. Additional information received by NRC on October 14, 2015, was also examined as part of the inspection. The findings of the inspection were discussed by telephone with you on November 13, 2015.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC determined that two Severity Level (SL) IV violations of NRC requirements occurred. Because of the security-related nature of the violations, additional details will not be provided in this letter, but instead are provided in non-public enclosures. The violations were evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>. The violations are cited in the Notice of Violation (Notice), provided as Enclosure 1 to this letter. The violations are cited because the violations were identified by NRC. Enclosure 2 provides a determination of Severity Level and description of the corrective actions taken by Valley Inspection Service, Inc., to address the violations.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violations, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violations and prevent recurrence is already adequately addressed in our records. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description of your corrective actions in Enclosure 2 does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room located at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, MD, and from the NRC's document system, the Agency-wide

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The NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement became effective in June 2011. While a policy statement and not a regulation, it sets forth the agency's expectations for individuals and organizations to establish and maintain a positive safety culture. You can access the policy statement and supporting material that may benefit your organization on NRC's safety culture Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/safety-culture.html>. We strongly encourage you to review this material and adapt it to your particular needs in order to develop and maintain a positive safety culture as you engage in NRC-regulated activities.

Current NRC regulations and guidance are included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov; select **Nuclear Materials; Med, Ind, & Academic Uses**; then **Regulations, Guidance and Communications**. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov; select **About NRC, Organizations & Functions; Office of Enforcement; Enforcement documents**; then **Enforcement Policy (Under 'Related Information')**. You may also obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-866-512-1800. The GPO is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

Please contact Randolph Ragland at 610-337-5083 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Blake D. Welling, Chief
Commercial, Industrial, R&D,
and Academic Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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1. Notice of Violation (Non-Public)
2. Determination of Severity Level
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