



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
1600 EAST LAMAR BOULEVARD
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December 12, 2017

Mr. Brandon D. Smid
Radiation Safety Officer
Schmucker, Paul, Nohr & Associates, Inc.
dba Helms & Associates
221 Brown County Highway 19
Aberdeen, SD 57401

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-34421/2017-001 AND NOTICE
OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Smid:

On October 31, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) cited Schmucker, Paul, Nohr & Associates, Inc. dba Helms & Associates for a violation involving the failure to perform leak tests for removable contamination of radioactive material on two licensed portable nuclear gauges. Inspection Report 030-34421/2017-001 with enclosed Notice of Violation required you to respond in writing within 30 days. You responded by letter dated November 4, 2017.

After reviewing the information you provided in your response to the Notice of Violation, we have concluded that your completed and proposed actions appear to adequately address the regulatory noncompliance described in the Notice of Violation. We will review your implementation of these corrective actions during a future inspection to determine whether full compliance has been restored and whether compliance will be maintained.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Michael C. Hay, Chief
Materials Licensing and Inspection Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Docket: 030-34421
License: 40-27560-01

cc: T. McCaskell, South Dakota Radiation Control
Program Director

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