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December 21, 2017

Gary Winkler
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 03038879/2017001, APPLIED TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. MARIETTA, GEORGIA AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Winkler:

On August 29, 2017, inspectors from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) commenced a safety and security inspection at the above address and at the Verso Paper and Pulp Plant located at 7100 County Road 426, Escanaba, Michigan. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety, security, and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspectors, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. Additional information provided in your electronic correspondence dated September 29, November 27, and November 28, 2017, were also examined as part of the inspection. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you at the conclusion of the inspection on November 30, 2017.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. Because of the security-related nature of these violations, specific details of the violations 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 which can be found at the NRC's Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html> The Notice of Violation (Notice), is provided as Enclosure 1 to this letter. The violations are cited because the violations were identified by the NRC. Enclosure 2 provides a determination of severity level and description of the corrective actions taken by Applied Technical Services, 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.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Leonardo Wardrobe of my staff at (610) 337-5171 or via electronic mail at leonardo.wardrobe@nrc.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/RA J. L. Nick for/

Craig Gordon, Acting Chief
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and Academic Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety
Region I

Docket No. 03038879
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Enclosures:

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2. Determination of Severity Level
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