



UNITED STATES
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July 10, 2019

Mr. Ruben C. Rojas, Jr.
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION 030-39115/2019-001 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Rojas:

This letter refers to the announced inspection conducted on June 5, 2019, at your facility in Soldotna, Alaska. The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to public health and safety, to confirm compliance with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) rules, regulations, and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selected examination of procedures and representative records, independent radiation measurements, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel. The preliminary inspection findings were discussed with Mr. Denny Cooper, Site Radiation Safety Officer, at the conclusion of the onsite portion of the inspection on June 5, 2019. A final telephonic exit briefing was conducted with Mr. Cooper on July 1, 2019, and with you on July 2, 2019.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, which can be found at the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>. The violation involved NRC security requirements and is cited and described in the non-public Notice of Violation (Notice). This violation is being cited because it was identified by the NRC during the inspection.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The guidance in NRC Information Notice 96-28, "Suggested Guidance Relating to Development and Implementation of Corrective Action," may be helpful in preparing your response. You can find the Information Notice on the NRC website at: <http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML0612/ML061240509.pdf>. Information regarding the reason for the violations, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violations and prevent recurrence, and the date when full compliance will be (was) achieved should be addressed. The NRC review of your response to the Notice will also determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

The Enclosure contains Security-Related Information. When separated from the Enclosure, this letter is DECONTROLLED

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If Security-Related Information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please mark your entire response Security-Related Information in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1) and follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1). In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii), the NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response.

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 and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

However, the enclosure contains Security-Related Information under 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1), and its disclosure to unauthorized individuals could present a security vulnerability. Therefore, the enclosure to this letter will not be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from ADAMS.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed Notice, please contact Jason vonEhr at 817-200-1186, or the undersigned at 817-200-1455.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Patricia A. Silva, Chief
Materials Inspection Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure:
Notice of Violation

cc:
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