



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
631 PARK AVENUE
KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

Docket No. 040-00341

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General Services Administration
GSA-FPRS
Office of Property Management DM
ATTN: Mr. G. I. Perryman
Assistant Commissioner
Washington, D.C. 20406

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 79-01

This refers to the inspection conducted by F. Costello and J. Serabian of this office on August 29, 1979, at your depot in Curtis Bay, Maryland, of activities authorized by NRC License No. STC-133 and to the discussions of our findings held by F. Costello with Mr. W. Smith of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. J. Consiglio of your staff and Mr. Costello on August 30, 1979.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have been categorized into the levels as described in our correspondence to you dated December 31, 1974. This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including: (1) corrective steps which have been taken by you and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further items of noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

From discussions at the conclusion of the inspection, it is our understanding that you will contact this office when you begin repackaging thorium nitrate at Curtis Bay. Please conform this understanding in your reply to this letter.

Items numbered A-1 and B shown in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter have been identified previously during the inspection of your licensed activities conducted on June 3, 1977 and were documented in the enclosure to

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our letter dated July 13, 1977. Your letter to this office dated August 19, 1977 stated that there will be two individuals trained as Radiological Officers in the regional office and that these Regional Radiological Officers will be responsible for semi-annual surveys of the depot and resolution of all radiological problems reported by the depot manager. Furthermore, your letter stated that all individuals frequenting radioactive areas will be briefed in proper safety precautions. From our August 29, 1979 inspection it appears that your corrective actions were ineffective in that these items have recurred. Recurrent and uncorrected items of noncompliance are given additional weight in the selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter you should give particular attention to those actions you plan to take to ensure that items of noncompliance will be completely corrected and will not recur.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



Robert O. McClintock, Chief
Materials Radiological Protection
Section

Enclosure:
Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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