

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGIONI 631 PARK AVENUE KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

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Docket Nos. 03004625 03010733

> EG&G Incorporated ATTN: Mr. Walter W. Saldarini General Manager 35 Congress Street Salem, Massachusetts 01970

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 79-02

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. Stearns of this office on August 15, 1979 of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. 20-02804-01 and 20-02804-02E and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Stearns with Mr. K. Dagley of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

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

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the item of noncompliance brought to your attention in a letter dated February 6, 1979. This item has recurred.

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.

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Item numbered A.1. shown in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter has been identified previously during the inspection of your activities conducted on January 26, 1979 and documented in the enclosure to our letter dated February 6, 1979. Item numbered A.2. shown in the enclosure has been identified previously during the inspection on March 14, 1978 and documented in the enclosure to our letter dated April 4, 1978. Your letter to this office dated February 26, 1979 stated the decontamination procedures for Carbon-14 areas would be performed and documented. Your letter to this office dated April 21, 1978 stated that wipes would be made for removable contamination in areas where Nickel-63 is handled and that a suspense documented system had been established to insure survey performance. From our August 15, 1979 inspection, it appears that your corrective actions were ineffective in that these items have recurred. Recurrent and uncorrected items are given additional weight in the selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter please describe your management audit program to assure that all radiological safety procedures stipulated in your Radiation Safety Manual dated April 30, 1979, including routine surveys of areas designated in the manual, are followed.

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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