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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Glen D. Brown, Chief
Fuel Facility and Material
Safety Branch

Dear Mr. Brown:

I received your letter of September 24 regarding our violations of regulations as noted in Mr. Cain's inspection report. I appreciate the inspection by Mr. Cain, as I too am concerned about these matters.

Based on the findings of his inspection and your letter, these actions shall be taken:

1) Supervision

Prairie personnel have been reminded that they are not permitted to use radioactive materials without the supervision of a qualified member of the company. Infraction of this rule will result in dismissal from Prairie employment.

2) Calibration of survey instruments

Our survey meter appears to be accurate when checked against logging calibration jigs. However, I am returning the meter to the manufacturer for calibration and will do so in 6 month intervals from the date of this letter.

3) Leak test results

To my knowledge our company has never neglected a leak test when due. Gulf Nuclear does these for us and always sends us reminders in advance of the due date.

Our offices were moved in July of 1980 and it is possible some files were lost.

Our sources were leak tested in September 1980 and the results will be in our files at the main office in Havre, Montana. I have instructed all personnel to be positive of this.

4) New material survey

Again, I feel that these two surveys were made but lost during our office move.

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These sources were leak tested and certified by the shipper prior to shipment and found to be satisfactory. Both sources have since been leak tested.

All future shipments shall be monitored before acceptance by Prairie, and results placed in the Havre office files.

5) and 6) Posting of required documents

All notices and forms have been posted as required.

The purpose of this letter is to state my recognition of these infractions and deficiencies. As of the date of this letter all items have been attended to and we are currently in compliance with all rules and regulations.

Again, I thank you for the inspection by Mr. Cain. I was out of town on that date and am sorry I didn't get to talk to him. I understand he was very pleasant to everyone and offered us some good suggestions for the future.

If there are any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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