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Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing
Company
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License No.: 22-00057-06
License No.: 22-00057-34G
License No.: 22-00057-59MD
License No.: 22-00057-07

Gentlemen:

This refers to the telephone conversation between Mr. R. G. Wissink of your staff and Mr. R. J. Caniano of my staff on November 17, 1989, regarding arrangements for an enforcement conference between members of our organizations. This meeting is scheduled to be conducted via telephone on November 30, 1989 at 10:00 a.m. (CST).

The purpose of this conference is to discuss the apparent violations and concerns identified during the recent inspection, your corrective actions, and the enforcement options available to the NRC.

The apparent violations and areas of concern are as follows:

1. Apparent Violations

- a. Failure to establish procedures to provide for evaluating deviations or informing licensees or purchasers of the deviation, and to assure that a director or responsible officer is informed if a basic component supplied for an activity contains a defect. (10 CFR 21.21(a)).
- b. Failure to notify the NRC of a defect in a cesium-137 Heyman applicator identified in March 1989. (10 CFR 21.21(b))

2. Areas of Concern

- a. Failure to implement a Health Physics Services audit program for all radiologically-related 3M activities as was described in a letter to the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards dated July 18, 1988.
- b. Failure of a recent audit conducted by the Regulatory Affairs, Product Reliability and Quality Assurance to include a review of radiologically-related areas.

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- c. Failure to adequately evaluate known instances of cesium-137 Heyman applicator failures so that generic implications could be reviewed and appropriate notifications be made to client facilities to alert them to potential failures. It appears that 3M took minimal actions in these areas until recent NRC intervention.

If you have any questions related to this meeting, please contact Messrs. Roy J. Caniano (708/790-5721) or Bruce Mallett (708/790-5612) of my staff.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Norelius, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
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NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT LICENSEE MEETING

Name of Licensee: Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M)

License No.: 22-00057-06; 22-00057-34G; 22-00057-59MD; 22-00057-07

Enforcement Action No.: 89-231

Date and Time of Meeting: November 30, 1989, 10:00 a.m. (via telephone)

Location of Meeting: NRC Region III Office
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss NRC findings during a recent inspection, enforcement options available, and the licensee's corrective actions.

NRC Attendees:

C. J. Paperiello, Deputy Regional Administrator
B. Berson, Regional Counsel
J. A. Grobe, Director, Enforcement and Investigation Coordination Staff
W. H. Schultz, Enforcement Coordinator
B. S. Mallett, Chief, Nuclear Materials Safety Branch
R. J. Caniano, Chief, Nuclear Materials Safety Section 2
G. L. Shear, Senior Radiation Specialist
B. A. Parker, Radiation Specialist
J. L. Lynch, Radiation Specialist

Licensee Attendees:

J. W. Benson, Division Vice President, Medical Device Division
S. W. Thiele, Senior Vice President, Administrative Services
R. G. Wissink, Manager, Health Physics Services
F. W. Entwistle, Health Physics Specialist
Representative of Counsel

NOTE: Attendance by NRC personnel at this Region III licensee meeting should be made known by 2:00 p.m., (CST), November 29, 1989, via telephone call to R. J. Caniano, Region III, FTS 388-5721.

Distribution:

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