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Docket No. 70-371

Mr. R. Bruce Andrews, President
UNC, Incorporated
UNC Naval Products
67 Sandy Desert Road
Uncasville, Connecticut 06382

Dear Mr. Andrews:

Subject: UNC Naval Products Letter of October 26, 1989

I am responding to your letter of October 26, 1989, to Mr. William T. Russell, Regional Administrator, with respect to the activities of AKO Inc. The NRC has continued to review the situation involving AKO, Inc., since we were notified by Northeast Utilities in July, 1989. We have determined that Northeast Utilities considered reporting this incident under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 21 but did not because of the low identified safety significance. The NRC did not prepare an Information Notice because of the low safety significance and our ongoing review. Once our review is complete, we will consider whether an Information Notice is appropriate.

We agree that more timely notification (e.g., telephone) may have been appropriate in this case, to you and other potentially affected licensees. We will review the NRC policies and determine if they are appropriate for handling these types of situations. Specifically, we will consider identifying the issues that may be of significant interest to materials licensees, including fuel facilities. These issues will be considered when reviewing incidents for possible generic interest and accelerated notification of NRC Licensees.

I appreciate the fact that you brought this matter to my attention. If you would like to further discuss the matter, or my response, please call me at (215) 337-5283.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Malcolm R. Knapp

Malcolm R. Knapp, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
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