

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION III 799 ROOSEVELY ROAD GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS 60137

N. L. Industries, Inc. ATTN: Jeff Jacobs, Attorney Office of General Counsel Post Office Box 420 Hightstown, NJ 08520 Expired License No. C-3737 TI 2690/01

Gentlemen:

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This refers to the discussion between you and Dr. C. J. Paperiello of this office on February 18, 1981 regarding the above expired license.

American Bearing Company, a former subsidiary of N. L. Industries, Inc., held an Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) license authorizing possession of 76,800 pounds of depleted uranium at an Indianapolis, Indiana facility; this license expired May 1, 1959. American Bearing Company was also contracted at this time by the AEC to handle depleted uranium in the same capacity as authorized by the license. Last quarter, the NRC identified this expired license as lacking AEC/NRC verification that this facility and/or equipment had been decontaminated to acceptable levels.

It is our understanding that you are contacting the Department of Energy to determine their possible responsibility for a closeout survey and, if necessary, decontamination of this site. Further, health physicists and/or health physics technicians will conduct a closeout survey of this site at an unconfirmed future date. A copy of the complete survey report will be provided to the Region III staff. Finally, the building will not be sold for unrestricted use until the survey is completed and reviewed.

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 the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows. If this report contains information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, you must apply in writing to this office, within twenty-five days of the date of this letter, to withhold such information from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons for which the information is considered proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in an enclosure to the application.



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If our understanding is not correct, please contact Ms. N. A. Nicholson at 312/932-2500.

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Sincerely,

J. A. Hind, Acting Director Division of Emergency Preparedness and Operational Support

Enclosure: IE Inspection Report No. 04000481/81-01

cc w/encl: J. Harper, Property Manager 1230 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020 Bill Crow, NMSS Doug Sly, IE Central Files Reproduction Unit NRC 20b PDR NSIC

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