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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket No. 40-672
EA-80-62

Nuclear Metals, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. W. B. Tuffin
President
2229 Main Street
Concord, Massachusetts 01742

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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated October 3, 1980 informing us of your corrective actions for the item of noncompliance in our Notice of Violation dated September 26, 1980.

We acknowledge receipt of your check in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) in full payment of the civil penalty proposed in our letter of September 26, 1980. With respect to the corrective actions documented in your October 3, 1980 letter, we verified, subsequent to the inspection conducted on July 30 through August 1, 1980, that procedural changes had been performed. Your corrective actions and/or additional corrective actions will be examined during a subsequent inspection of your licensed program.

You indicated in your October 3, 1980 letter, that your records prior to shipment showed the vehicle to be well within regulatory limits (0.1 mrem/hr in the cab vs a 2 mrem/hr limit), that the loading of the shipment had been performed by a vendor, and that the suspected reason for your violation of transportation regulations involved a shift or separation in drum position during transportation. Federal regulations state that it is the shipper's responsibility to assure that the transporting vehicle has been properly loaded and braced to prevent a shift of lading under conditions normally incident to transportation.

Sincerely,

Dudley Thompson, Director
Enforcement and Investigations
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

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