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Section 2  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
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Dear Mr. Caniano:

The information transmitted in this letter is being provided in response to Dr. Bruce Mallet's letter, signed by you dated October 11, 1989, regarding an inspection conducted at our facility by Mr. Gary L. Shear of the Region III office. It is noted that one item of non-compliance was found relative to the training and testing of our personnel as per condition 17 of our N.R.C. license. As stated one individual, an electronics technician, had been sufficiently trained, but had not been issued a written test, as we routinely require. This oversight has been corrected by successful testing of the individual, and this test has been filed for inspection during follow up visits by members of the N.R.C. staff.

However, another item of very deep concern has arisen from the content of the supporting data and inspection report, No. 030-17951/89001(DRSS) titled "DETAILS". The names of three of our clients were included in the document, as well as, a description of the services provided by my firm. This is contrary to assurances given by Mr. Shear, that there would be no need for such detailed disclosure in any publicly accessible report or document. I do feel, that contrary to the closing statement on page 7 of section 6 "Exit Interview", any mention as to who our clients are, and any description of the services that we provide, is proprietary, and in some cases violates legally binding confidentiality agreements that we have exercised with these clients. I also feel that since the allegations that implicated these clients were completely unfounded, there is no gain through public disclosure of such information, nor is there any increased risk to anyone except R. M. Wester and Associates, Inc. through a public disclosure of this information.

Furthermore, each employee of R.M. Wester and Associates, Inc. has signed a confidentiality agreement as to the nature of work and the client for whom we provide service. It is understood that this information, if available to our competition, would provide the competitor with an advantage

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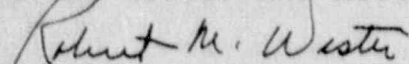
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as to the type of service required by our client, and identify the amount of service we provide. Utilization of this information would certainly have a negative impact on our business, and jeopardize the employment security of our employees. I feel that this is exactly the nature of the information being provided by this inspection report, specifically line one of page 3, and all direct mention of the client and the description of the services provided under "Allegation No. 3" on page 5; all direct mention of the client and the description of the services provided under "Allegation No. 4" on pages 5 and 6; and all direct mention of the client and the description of the services provided under "Allegation No. 5" on pages 6 and 7. I therefore, respectfully request that all of the above cited information be deleted from all accessible reports and documents copied and distributed, or otherwise available to the general public, and be omitted from any documents placed in the Public Documents Room. I have enclosed a copy of these pertinent parts of this document, and I have identified the section and parts that I desire omitted by lining through them.

This request for withholding of this information is being sought under the provisions of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2, Section 2.790 "Public inspections, exemptions, request for withholding." Your assistance with this matter is very much appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this request or other information contained in this letter, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

R. M. Wester and Associates, Inc.



Robert M. Wester  
President

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