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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20556

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The Honorable Richard L. Thornburgh
Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

On behalf of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I would like to express our appreciation for the efforts of the Department of Justice (DOJ) in prosecuting a case of importance to the NRC. Specifically, the fine work of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Oklahoma, and in particular, Assistant U. S. Attorney Paul Hess, resulted in the successful prosecution of an NRC licensee, Midwest Wireline, Inc., and its president, and also the owner of a formerly licensed firm, for deliberate violations of NRC requirements. I believe Mr. Hess deserves to be commended for his skill in achieving this successful prosecution.

Within the jurisdiction served by Mr. Hess' office are a large number of NRC licensees involved in well logging and radiography activities. Over the past few years, a serious compliance problem has developed because of a decline in the oil industry. His successful prosecution of this instance of willful disregard for NRC regulations will serve as an example of the U. S. Government's commitment to ensure adherence to Federal laws and protection of the public health and safety.

The Commission sincerely appreciates the cooperation of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Oklahoma, and particularly the efforts of Mr. Hess, in bringing this case to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

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