

**Veterans
Administration**

June 23, 1981

Chief, Materials Radiation Protection
Section 2
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137



Dear Sir:

This is in response to Appendix A of your letter of May 28, 1981, in which you cite certain noncompliance activities. We are hereby submitting our written response to the five citations listed in Appendix A.

License No. 21-04234-01

1. A mechanism has been set up to leak test all sealed calibration sources every six months. This mechanism has been scheduled and documented with accountability by employees in monitoring the calibration activities.

2. A mechanism for calibrating survey instruments every six months identical to that of the sealed sources has been implemented.

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3. We have records of the spot checks performed between December 1980 and March 1981. The confusion in this matter stems from the fact that we have been performing leak tests most thoroughly, in fact, six times more often than required. On our leak test form, we also include the results of our spot checks, the detailed data of which is in the record book. We were due to have a source change in January 1981, and so a leak test was not performed (the last leak test was in December and another was not required until June 1981). However, the spot check, which includes a calibration, a light field versus x-ray field check, a timer error check, door interlock check, and independent area monitor check, were performed.

4.a. We have records of the calibration of instruments used to make full calibration and spot check measurements. The Victoreen R meter records were in the Victoreen R meter file which was on the desk, and the Victoreen Survey meter records were in the Victoreen Survey meter file, which was on the desk available for inspection.

4.b. A record of Mr. Rocchio's training and experience is in the Radiology Service files; the Personnel Office also has a record of his training and experience, and your agency has a record of his training and experience (reference license 21-2808-4).

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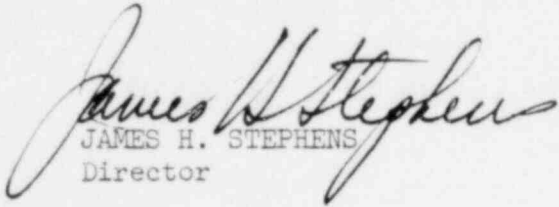
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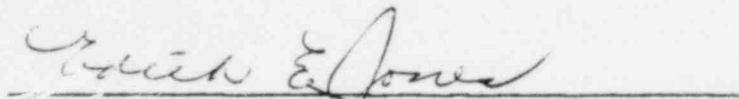
5. We are gathering sex and birthdate data and will forward it to the R.S. Landauer Company for inclusion in NRC-5 forms by June 30, 1981.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marvin E. Dick, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Staff, FTS 378-8279.

Sincerely,


JAMES H. STEPHENS
Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, on this 24th
day of June, 1981.



EDITH E. JONES
Notary Public, Wayne County, Mich.
My Commission Expires Mar. 21, 1984