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Docket No. 30-13105

15 APR 1981

E. L. Conwell and Company ATTN: Mr. W. E. Copper General Manager 2024 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 81-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by F. Costello and J. McGrath of this office on March 3, 1981 of activities authorized by NRC License No. 37-17637-01 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Costello with yourself and Mr. G. Raven of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between yourself and Mr. J. Kinneman, Chief, Materials Radiological Protection Section, on March 9, 1981.

The area examined during this inspection was limited to a review of your field site operations in Philadelphia. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have been categorized into the levels described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

During the March 9, 1981, telephone conversation, Mr. Kinneman expressed our concern about the apparent breakdown in languagement controls which resulted in these items of noncompliance identified in Appendix A. In your reply to this letter, please describe those actions, taken or planned, to significantly improve the management control of your radiation safety program.

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 your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

James H. Joyner, Cnief, Technical Inspection Branch, Division of

Engineering and Technical Inspection

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

cc (w/encl):

John McGrath, Office of State Programs