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Docket No. 838-30391  
License No. 45-24967-01  
EA 90-142

Director, Office of Enforcement  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Attn: Document Control Desk

Subject: Monthly Installments for  
Payment of Imposed Civil  
Monetary Penalty

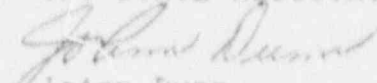
Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission letter of February 4, 1991, (copy attached), Tri State Associates, Inc., requests that the imposed civil monetary penalty of \$3,750 be paid in equal installments over a thirty-six month period. Of course, the penalty would include accrued interest for the thirty-six month period.

Thank you for your consideration to the above request.

Sincerely,

TRI STATE ASSOCIATES, INC.

  
JoAnn Dunn  
President

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Enclosure

cc: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region II

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Tri-State Associates, Inc.  
Materials Testing and Inspection  
ATTN: Ms. JoAnn Dunn  
President  
Post Office Box 1579  
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

Dear Ms. Dunn:

SUBJECT: ORDER IMPOSING CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY - \$3,750

This refers to your letters dated October 15 and November 16, 1990, in response to the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (Notice) sent to you by our letter dated September 24, 1990. Our letter and Notice described four violations identified during a safety inspection conducted on July 31 and August 1, 1990, at the Tri-State Associates, Inc. office in Woodbridge, Virginia and at a field radiography site in Washington, D.C.

To emphasize the need to ensure that proper management oversight is placed on your radiation safety program, a civil penalty of \$7,500 was proposed.

In your responses of October 15, 1990, you admitted the violations but requested remission or mitigation of the civil penalty imposed because it would "create a severe hardship which will produce an unhealthy financial climate." By letter dated October 24, 1990, the NRC requested financial information to demonstrate that payment of the civil penalty would create a severe hardship. Your response of November 16, 1990 to that letter included business tax returns for the past three years and a current financial statement.

After consideration of your responses and review of your financial information, we have concluded for the reasons given in the Appendix attached to the enclosed Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty that a reduction of the amount of the proposed civil penalty is appropriate. Accordingly, we hereby serve the enclosed Order on Tri-State Associates, Inc. imposing a civil monetary penalty in the amount of \$3,750. As stated in our letter of October 24, 1990, the NRC will accept payment of a civil penalty over time. If you wish to pay in installments, please inform the Director, Office of Enforcement, within 30 days. We will review the effectiveness of your corrective actions during a subsequent inspection.

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Tri-State Associates, Inc.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hugh L. Thompson, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hugh L. Thompson, Jr.  
Deputy Executive Director for  
Nuclear Materials Safety, Safeguards,  
and Operations Support

Enclosure:  
Order w/Appendix