



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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Docket 150-00030
General License (10 CFR 150.20)
EA 92-216

Western Technologies, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. Craig Johnson
Vice President
Post Office Box 21387
Phoenix, Arizona 85036

SUBJECT: ORDER IMPOSING CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY - \$8,000

This refers to your letter dated January 26, 1993, in response to the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (Notice) sent to you by our letter dated December 28, 1992. Our letter and Notice described a violation of 10 CFR 34.33(a), i.e., a failure to wear alarming ratemeters during radiography operations.

To emphasize the seriousness of willful violations, the importance of strict compliance with safety requirements, and the importance of developing mechanisms to ensure that company personnel are complying with such requirements, a civil penalty of \$8,000 was proposed.

In your response, you admitted this violation but requested full mitigation of the proposed penalty based on a number of factors. A summary of the reasons for your request for mitigation is contained in the enclosed Order.

After consideration of your request for mitigation, we have concluded for the reasons given in the appendix to the enclosed Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty that the full amount of the penalty should be imposed by Order. Accordingly, we hereby serve the enclosed Order on Western Technologies, Inc., imposing a civil monetary penalty in the amount of \$8,000. The NRC will review the effectiveness of your corrective actions during future inspections.

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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.", written in a cursive style.

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

Enclosure: As Stated