

March 31, 1993

Mr. J. Philip Stohr, Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards
Region II
101 Marietta Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30323

Reference: **REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION**
Docket No. 030-09860
License No. 45-15827-01
Notice of Violation: Inspection Report Number 45-15827-01/93-01

Dear Mr. Stohr:

The following response is submitted in accordance with your letter of March 9, 1993. While Versar Laboratories Inc. (VLI) agrees with and accepts full responsibility of the violations, the violations did not occur due to blatant disregard for the regulations.

Reason for Violation

VLI has undergone extensive personnel revision in the past several years. The personnel acquainted with the regulatory requirements did not translate the need for monitoring before leaving. The lack of a formal Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the procedures also added to the error.

Immediate Corrective Action

All of the sealed sources in the possession of VLI have been sampled and the samples submitted for testing by an outside laboratory. The results of the testing have not been received as of the date of this letter.

Future Corrective Action

A Standard Operating Procedure is being prepared for examination of the sealed source(s). This will provide for testing, examination, and inventory of all such sealed sources within every six month period.

A new system of recording the testing, examination, and inventory of the sealed sources has been implemented. The record book will be kept with other safety records in plain view.

To safeguard against further violations of this nature, an examination of the NRC required records will be added to the internal laboratory audit parameters. The internal audits are administered by the Quality Assurance Officer, not the Safety Officer. This will introduce a second person into the loop of regulatory review.

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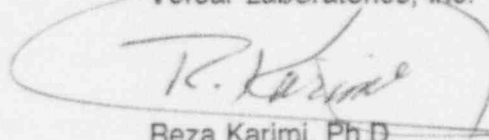
Full Compliance

The implementation and execution of the above corrective action steps should serve to bring VLI in full compliance with the NRC regulations. The SOP is in final review stages and will be forwarded to you for your comment and review when it has been completed. The test results will be kept on file. Both the final version of the SOP and receipt of the test results should be available by May 1, 1993.

If you require further submissions or have any questions, please call me at (703) 750-3000.

Sincerely,

Versar Laboratories, Inc.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Karimi", is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

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