

APRIL 30, 1993

U.S. Regulatory commission Regional Administrator, region IV 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400 Arlington, TX 76011

RE: Reply to a notice of violation for NRC License# 35-17213-01 docket # 030-12374.

Dear Sir.

We wish to respond to the two areas of violations in your notice to us dated April 19, 1993.

The violations found at the NRC inspection April 5, 1993 are addressed below:

A .. It is not actually known why the Radiation Safety Committee did not meet during the 4th guarter of 1991 and the 3rd guarter of 1992. However, we believe it was due to conflicting schedules of the committee members and the meetings were hence overlooked. This over-sight was caught and Quarterly Radiation Safety Committee Meetings began again for the 4th quarter of 1992. The meeting for the 1st guarter of 1993 has been held, also.

To avoid further violations, a central calender is being kept with projected dates for future Committee Meetings. All members of the committee will be informed of each meeting well in advance. Also, copies of the meetings' minutes will go to each member, with copies going to two different permanent files.

Full compliance was achieved on December, 1, 1992 when the guarterly meeting was held for the 4th guarter of 1992.

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B. At the time of the inspection, this facility did not have the appropriate equipment to accurately measure removable contamination in disintegrations per minute (DPM). A nuclear Associates survey meter was used for the purpose in the past.

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A Picker Spectroscaler 4 well counter was purchased on April 23, 1993 and put into use on April 27, 1993. This now gives us an instrument sensitive enough to accurately measure removable contamination in DMP.

Since April 27, 1993 surveys of removable contamination have been expressed in DPM per 100 square centimeters, which puts us in full compliance.

We believe the above changes result in full compliance with NRC regulations. If you have any questions regarding our response or corrective action, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Sincerely R

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