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Dear Mr. *Joel* Lubenau:

We would like to respond to your letter of December 22, 1980, point by point to help clarify aspects of your review of the Idaho Radiation Control Program.

- I. A. Documented telephone cases. Two undocumented cases out of approximately 90 is not a bad batting average. We are continuing to document as much as possible all telephone conversations pertaining to licensing actions.
- B. Applications signed by RSO. It is our policy to have applications signed by management. In some cases the RSO represents management and has authority to sign the application.
- II. A. Time frame for correction of noncompliance. Our policy is to have a response from licensees within 30 days of corrective actions. We will now request a response within 30 days and a time frame for corrective actions.
- B. Overdue inspections. As you are aware, the Licensing and Inspection Program has been short one man year (out of 1.5 man years) during FY 1980. We have filled the position and will conduct inspections of the two overdue licenses.
- C. Independent surveys. We have left the decision of making independent surveys up to the inspector. Sometimes these measurements are conducted and if there is no problem, nothing is recorded. We will strive to do and record independent measurements when necessary.
- D. Citation for items of noncompliance. The basic reason for citation is for correction of items of noncompliance and/or establishing records of continuous violations. We

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will cite licensees when necessary to assure uniform
and proper regulatory authority.

I have appreciated the cooperation and expert assistance of your staff
this last year, and am looking forward to working with you all this
coming year.

Happy New Year!



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