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Docket No. 030-30076
License No. 45-24927-01

Roy N. Ford Co., Inc.
ATTN: Roy N. Ford
President
P.O. Box 9
Blairs, VA 24527

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 45-24927-01/93-01)

This refers to the inspection conducted by J. Henson of this office on September 23, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Blairs, Virginia facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Mr. Fred Ford, Vice-President.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license with respect to radiation safety and compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license. It included selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and direct observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). Violation A is of particular concern because it involves the failure to secure licensed material from unauthorized removal or to place it under constant surveillance and immediate control. In order to protect the public health and safety, the NRC expects licensees to maintain constant control over licensed material and to implement procedures that ensure that the public health and safety will not be jeopardized. This is especially important for licensed materials used and stored at temporary job sites where, if not properly secured, members of the public may gain unauthorized access to the material.

A significant failure to secure licensed material in an unrestricted area is normally considered a Severity Level III violation. In this case we note that the source was locked in the gauge, the key was in the position of the operator and the operator or another individual were always in the vicinity of the gauge, which was stored unsecured in the back of a truck. Based on our evaluation of the safety significance associated with these particular circumstances at the temporary job site on the day of the inspection, we have concluded that this was a Severity Level IV violation. However, Roy N. Ford Co., Inc., should take note that under other circumstances and in the future, the failure to secure licensed material from unauthorized removal or to place it under constant surveillance and immediate control when not secured, may be classified as a Severity Level III violation and could result in escalated enforcement.

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In addition, the inspector identified activities that violated NRC requirements that will not be subject to enforcement action because the licensee's efforts in identifying and/or correcting the violations meet the criteria specified in Section VII.B of the Enforcement Policy. The non-cited violations included the failure to include all the required information in inventory records and to post all the documents and notices required by 10 CFR 19.11 and 21.6. These items were discussed with Mr. Fred Ford during the meeting at the conclusion of the inspection.

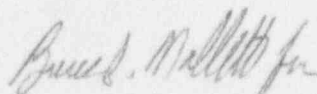
You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



J. Philip Stohr, Director
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and Safeguards

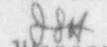
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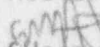
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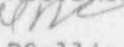
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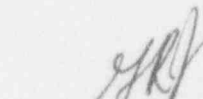

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