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REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION



Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter in response to your Notice of Violation, dated October 30, 1990 and referenced by Docket No. 030-00872/90-01, License No. 25-01706-03.



In response to Item #1, we did miss both the first and third quarters of 1990. We had met twice the last quarter of 1989 on Nov. 14, 1989 and Dec 13, 1990. The additional meeting being held in response to the loss of radioactive material at Yellow Bay Biostation. As you know that was recovered, and our final letter to the NRC was written, sent to each committee member, and their responses polled by the RSO over the telephone during January. This letter was sent to the Region IV office on January 4, 1990. Because we had no other business for the committee, no formal meeting was held. During the summer months of July, August, and September, there is very little activity on campus, and during this time one of our members, Dr. Porter, had left campus, and several others were not on campus regularly. Tim Read and I met informally with Dr. Bromenshenk in July to formulate our decommissioning plan, and said plan was submitted July 18, 1990 to the Region IV office. Having reread our license submission I understand that we agreed to hold regular (formal) quarterly meetings. As the Radiation chairman, I was mistaken to hold formal meetings only when the need arose. Meetings with a quorum of three faculty will be held quarterly from now on. We have already held our last quarter 1990 meeting as of Oct 23, 1990, and are now in compliance with our license.

In response to item #2, it is true that our Radiation Safety Officer failed to formally complete the quarterly surveys of all laboratories using radioactive isotopes. He was however in all laboratories at least once a quarter, and frequently more often (in those laboratories with heavy use--once every two weeks). Mr. Read is now in the process of completing this quarter's laboratory surveys. To ensure this process continues,

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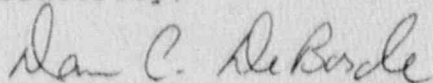
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it was decided that the RSC would monitor the RSO's records of survey at our quarterly meetings. Compliance will be achieved before December 31, 1990.

I hope this response to your Notice of Violation will be sufficient, but if anything further is required, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. A. Bill Beach, NRC Region IV.