

ENCLOSURE

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Ashland Chemical, Inc.  
Ashland, Kentucky

Docket No. 030-30253  
License No. 16-24948-01

During an NRC inspection conducted January 12, 1994, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the violation is listed below:

Condition 20 A. of License 16-24948-01 requires, in part, that the licensee possess and use licensed material in accordance with statements, representations and procedures contained in an application dated July 16, 1992.

Item 8 of the licensee's application requires, in part, that only those individuals named on the license be permitted to operate Ohmart non-portable gauging devices.

Contrary to the above, on October 30, 1993, an individual not identified on the license operated an Ohmart non-portable gauging device, serial number M-782, containing approximately 600 millicuries of cesium-137. Specifically, during the lockout/tagout procedure performed prior to entering the refining column, the shift supervisor operated the shutter mechanism and this individual was not identified on the license as an approved user.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Ashland Chemical, Inc. is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1994

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