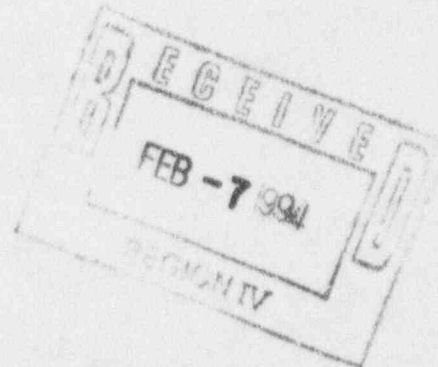


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February 3, 1994

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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RE: Reply to Notice of Violation

1. Reason for violation:

Three empty I-131 vials and 1 vial containing approximately 10% of the original 10mc contents were stored in an underground storage pit. We felt that allowing this amount of material to decay with 8 day half life was acceptable.

2. Immediate corrective steps:

We will have a company vehicle traveling to OKC on February 9 and returning to Hays, February 10, which will transport these vials back to Hays.

3. Corrective steps to prevent future violations:

We have regular vehicle traffic between the OKC office and the Hays, KS office. In the future these empty vials will be sent to Hays for disposal on first available transport or by Federal Express if none available.

4. Date when full compliance will be achieved:

February 10, 1994

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call the Hays office.

Respectfully,

Larry L. Patterson
President
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cc: Regional Administrator

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