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Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Reply to a Notice of Violation

Sir:

Enclosed please find the Quality Assurance Manual (QAM) of Northwest Inspection & Testing Service, Inc. (NITSI)

NITSI is a small, wholly owned service organization located in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The QAM is a document seldom asked for by any of our clients, but was put into place in October of 1991. During the annual audit by our regional inspector from the NRC (1992) it was brought to my attention that a Quality Assurance Program was needed to comply with 10CFR71 Subpart H. I told the inspector that I would comply but have not done so to date. During the audit by the NRC inspector in Jan. 1994, he again brought this to my attention as I had not complied. The letter and the QAM is in response to a "Notice of Violation" letter issued by the regional office of the NRC. The corrective steps that have been taken is to add a Section X "Radiation Safety" to the QAM. Many of the required procedures are included in our Administrative, Operating & Emergency Procedures Manual (AOEPM) which is on file with our license. Many of the 10CRF50 Appendix B requirements are not applicable to the type of service we perform.

Corrective action is taken to avoid further violations by performing actions when advised of discrepancies.

NITSI anticipates that full compliance will be achieved by the submittal of this letter and the enclosed QAM.

NITSI's license number is: 11-27394-01, NITSI utilizes a Technical Operations Model 660 and Industrial Nuclear Co. IR-100 for transport of radioactive material. When shipped commercially, an approved overpack is utilized.

If I may be of further service or information in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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ORIGINAL COVER LETTER AND QA PROGRAM RETURNED TO LICENSEE BECAUSE OF PROPRIETARY CLAIM. REFER TO NRC LETTER DATED MARCH 9, 1994. T. Matula 3/9/94

Sincerely,
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