

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Northwest Inspection and Testing Services, Inc. ATTN: Mr. William H. Shamel P.O. Box 50799 Idaho Falls, ID 83405

Dear Mr. Shamel:

This is in response to your letter dated February 21, 1994, requesting approval of your Quality Assurance (QA) Program and a follow-up to your telephone conversation with Mr. Thomas Matula of my staff on March 7, 1994.

We note that your letter states that it is in "Reply to a Notice of Violation." You should respond directly to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regional Office that issued the Notice of Violation.

At your request, we are returning your letter and enclosed QA Program because of the proprietary statement on the cover page of your QA Program. If you wish to maintain the proprietary nature of your QA Program, you must comply with the requirements of 10 CFR § 2.790, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding."

It is my understanding that you will resubmit a QA Program, which does not contain proprietary information, for review and approval by NRC. Please include an application fee of \$370.00 as required by Section 10.B of 10 CFR § 170.31, "Schedule of fees for materials licenses and other regulatory services, including inspections, and import and export licenses."

If you are planning to transport radioactive material in a packaging approved by NRC, you should also request to be registered as a user of the specific packagings in accordance with 10 CFR § 71.112(c)(3). This request to be registered as a user of packagings does not require a fee and may be included in the cover letter with the resubmittal of your QA Program.

Please find enclosed for your information a copy of Regulatory Guide 7.10, "Establishing Quality Assurance Programs for Packaging Used in the Transport of Radioactive Material." Also enclosed is a copy of a sample QA Program for radiography and sealed sources acceptable to the Commission for meeting the applicable quality requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, Subpart H, "Quality Assurance." These documents will help you write your QA Program.

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Please contact Mr. Thomas Matula at (301) 504-2437 if you have any questions regarding your QA Program.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

John P. Jankovich, Section Leader Quality Assurance Section Source Containment and Devices Branch Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS

Enclosures: As stated

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