



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV
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Docket: 030-26841
License: 42-23539-01AF

Department of the Air Force
USAF Radioisotope Committee
ATTN: Lt. Colonel Joseph J. Donnelly
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-26841/94-02 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the special, announced inspection conducted by Mr. James L. Montgomery of NRC's Region V office in Walnut Creek, California. The inspection which was conducted on March 1, 1994, at Edwards Air Force Base (AFB), California, included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Materials License 42-23539-01AF under Air Force Permit No. 04-30110-1AFP. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel, independent measurements, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice).

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

The Air Force permit for Edwards AFB authorized possession and use of nickel-63 foils for use in gas chromatographs for sample analysis. The gas chromatograph was located in the base Environmental Analysis Laboratory.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the inspector identified above at (817) 860-8100.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Coig

for Samuel J. Collins, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

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DMB - Original (IE-07)

LJCallan

SLCollins

RAScarano, DRSS/RIV

LWCamper

MMessier, OC/LFDCB (4503)

*WLFisher

*CLCain

*MLMcLean

JLMontgomery, WCFO

GPYuhas, WCFO

JASmith, NMSS (6 H3)

*NMIB

*MIS System

*RIV Files (2)

*W/IFS Form

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