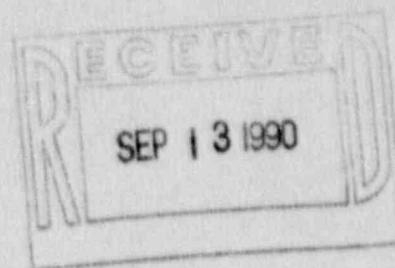


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September 7, 1990

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011



Attn: A. Bill Beach, Director
Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

Re: License Number: 42-26844-01 Safety Inspection performed July 19, and 30, 1990
Ticket: 030-29470/90-01

Dear Sir:

We have received the NRC Form 591, "Safety Inspection", on August 13, 1990 and have taken corrective action to the findings of the inspection on July 19 and 30, 1990. We have posted a copy of this Notice of Violation as required by 10 CFR 19.11. A copy of this letter will be posted after dispatch to your office as required by 10 CFR 19.11.

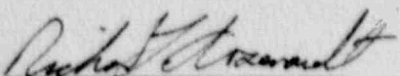
Violation to 10 CFR 20.203 (f), A storage container containing radioactive material was not labeled in accordance with 10 CFR 202.203 (f). This container was at a temporary jobsite in an area roped off and posted "Caution Radiation Area".

To correct this violation I have designed a two sided placard which will meet the requirements of 10 CFR 20.203 (f) and will not violate the conditions of 49 CFR 172.502(b) for placarding. The two sided placard will consist of one side as a standard "RADIOACTIVE" placard as indicated in 49 CFR 172.556 which will be used on the equipment box when transporting radioactive materials. On the arrival at the temporary jobsite the placards will be removed from their holders and reversed and placed back in their holders. The reverse side of the placard will consist of a sign which will state "CAUTION RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS" and will contain a Radioactive Symbol. The lettering and symbol will be in purple on a yellow background. The remaining area around this sign will be blacked-out so this sign can not be mistaken for a placard. It will also contain a statement on the blacked-out area stating the following " Not to be used as a placard in transportation. Such use could be a violation of 49 CFR 172.502(b)".

The dual use placard/sign is presently on order with a vendor with an expected delivery during the last week of September. I will be able to issue these to the districts and expect to be in full compliance by the first week in October. A memo has been issued on August 13, 1990 to all our districts on changes required to meet this requirement.

Please call Richard Arsenault at (713) 987-4144 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,


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