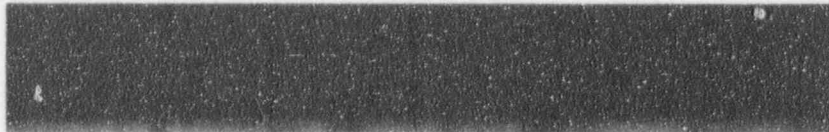


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Subject: Reply to a Notice of Violation, Schnabel Engineering
Associates, Inc., License No. 45-19703-01

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the Notice of Violation dated March 11, 1994 and in accordance to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201.

We were cited for a violation of storing two Troxler gages at a location not authorized on the license from December 1992 through December 1993. Our license requires that the gages be used at 1 West Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia and at temporary job sites of the licensee anywhere in the United States where the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission maintains jurisdiction regulating the use of licensed material.

Our response to the cited violation is as follows:

I. Violation Assessed as a Severity Level IV (Supplement IV)

The Richmond, Virginia branch office of Schnabel Engineering Associates, Inc. maintained a satellite office in Blacksburg, Virginia prior to December 31, 1994. In our system, satellite status means the office functioned as a field office attached to the Richmond branch office. This office was not made a full branch office until January 1, 1994. Two gages were being used on temporary job sites in western Virginia and were not permanently stored in Blacksburg at the time of your inspection. One Troxler gage was being used on a temporary job site in the Blacksburg area between October 1992 and about June 1993. After that time it was used on other temporary sites in western Virginia. A second gage has been used on a temporary job site also in the Blacksburg area since about April 1993.

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Since the Blacksburg office has been assigned branch status, we anticipate that the two gages being used in western Virginia will be permanently assigned to this branch office. Therefore, Schnabel Engineering Associates, Inc. has applied for an amendment to our license for the Blacksburg office location to be designated as a permanent storage site (see Attachment 1). We have received confirmation of our amendment and that it will be processed subsequent to our payment of the amendment fee (see Attachment 2). The payment has been sent in accordance with this request (see Attachment 3). Full compliance will be achieved following our receipt of the amendment.

If you have any questions concerning this "Reply to a Notice of Violation," please contact me.

Very truly yours,

SCHNABEL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC.



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Attachments:

- (1) Letter request for Amendment No. 4 with Attachments
- (2) Request for amendment fee
- (3) Copy of amendment fee check

c: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk