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Department of the Army Los Angeles District Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 2711 Los Angeles, California 90053-2325

Attention: Colonel R. L. Van Antherp, Commander

This refers to the inspection conducted by Kent M. Prendergast of this office on January 31 and February 25, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Oceanside, California facility. The inspection findings were discussed with your Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of your activities as they relate to radiation safety and to the Commission's rules and regulations and conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, 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 spacified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). Specifically, you did not maintain a required label on the gauge housing. In addition, we found the shutter in the open position when it should have been locked closed in accordance with the manufacturer's Operating Procedures. Although a copy of the manufacturer's Operating Procedures was present on the barge, your representative had not detected the incorrect position of the gauge shutter. The shutter may have been in this position for months. We also noted that references to the manufacturer's Operating Procedures had been left out of the 1992 renewal application for your radioactive materials license. Please include a request for an amendment to your license to address the manufacturer's Operating Procedures with your reply to the Notice of Violation. This action was discussed with your Radiation Safety Officer during the exit interview.

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.

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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.

Sincerely,

Gregory P Yuhas, Chief

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