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Director, Office of Enforcement  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

ATTN: Document Control / Desk

Subject: Answer to a Notice of Violation  
Report No. 45-24967-01/90-02

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide Tri State Associates, Inc. an opportunity to demonstrate "other" reasons why the penalty should not be imposed pursuant to NRC Inspection Report No. 45-24967-01/90-02.

Tri State Associates, Inc. is a woman owned small business with limited resources and finances to correct the immediate, as well as, short term commitments (refer to Reply to Notice of Violations, page 2), Tri State has had to outlay considerable expense to obtain the services of a Certified Health Physicist. The retention of a Certified Health Physicist is to provide a quarterly review of documents, activities, training and general radiation safety overview of Tri State. The Certified Health Physicist will also provide consultation and training to Tri State's Radiation Safety Officer (RSO).

Coupled with normal day-to-day expenses and the expenses incurred with the retention of a Certified Health Physicist (as well as additional expenses that will be incurred for the next year for a Certified Health Physicist) the imposition of civil penalties will create a severe hardship which will produce an unhealthy financial climate.

Therefore, Tri State Associates, Inc. requests either remission or mitigation of the penalty.

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Sincerely,

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