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US NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ATTN: DOCUMENT CONTROL DESK
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REFERENCE: DOCKET NO. 071007615,
SUBJECT: REPLY TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 94203,
NOTICE OF NONCONFORMANCE

PARA. A

- 1 THIS FORM HAS BEEN AMENDED TO REFLECT THE PERSONS NAME WHO COMPLETES THE TRANSFER AND WHO REVIEWS THE WORK.
- 2 THIS TRANSFER WAS MADE ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS DUE TO A MALFUNCTION OF A LOCK MECHANISM. THE BLUE PRINTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM AMERSHAM WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE DUE TO TIME DIFFERENCES AND THE SOURCE COULD NOT BE KEPT IN A CONTAINER WHICH HAD NO LOCK MECHANISM. THEREFORE THE SOURCE NEEDED A TEMPORARY SAFE SPOT WHILE PARTS WERE REPLACED THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE SOURCE WAS THEN MOVED TO A FINAL PLACE THE FOLLOWING MORNING. TRANSFERS WERE COMPLETED BY THREE PERSONNEL WHO, IN THE RUSH OF THE SITUATION, SURVEYED FOR SAFE LEVELS, BUT ASSUMED THE OTHER PERSON HAD LOGGED THE STORAGE RATE. IN THE END, WE DISCOVERED THAT LEVELS HAD BEEN NEGLECTED ON THE LOG, HOWEVER, ANY NUMBERS PUT DOWN AFTER THE FACT WOULD HAVE BEEN DISHONEST, AND LEFT IT BLANK. AS YOU KNOW, EMERGENCY PROCEDURES ARE CARRIED OUT AS RAPIDLY AND SAFELY AS POSSIBLE, BUT ERRORS CAN BE MADE. WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER PRIOR TO YOUR INSPECTION AND IT WILL, IN ALL PROBABILITY, NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

PARA. B

ON THE INTERNAL AUDITS NOTED IN OUR QA PROGRAM PARA. 7.1.3, AND 7.2 WE DO NOT FEEL THERE IS A PROBLEM OR NONCONFORMANCE. OUR MANUAL HAS ONLY BEEN IN EFFECT FOR 5 MONTHS AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION, AND PARA. 7.2 CLEARLY STATES INTERVALS NOT TO EXCEED A ONE YEAR PERIOD. IF YOU INTERPRET THIS PARAGRAPH AS A CALENDER YEAR, IT IS NOT WRITTEN AS SUCH.

WE HOPE THIS ADEQUATELY ANSWERS ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE IN YOUR LETTER OF NONCONFORMANCE DATED 4-14-94.

SINCERELY,

M. LUPO, RSO

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