



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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General License 10 CFR 150.20
EA 90-095

Mississippi X-Ray Service, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. H. Keith Russell
President
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: ORDER IMPOSING CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY - \$7,500

This refers to your letters dated July 23, August 31, and September 17, 1990, in response to the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (Notice) sent to you by our letter dated June 26, 1990. Our letter and Notice described four violations identified during a special safety inspection conducted on April 26, 1990, at a field radiography site near Richmond, Virginia.

To emphasize the need to assure that radiographic operations are conducted in accordance with regulatory requirements intended to ensure safe operations and continued and effective management control over activities authorized by your license, a civil penalty of \$7,500 was proposed.

In your responses of July 23, 1990, you admitted the violations but requested mitigation of the Civil Penalty imposed because it would "impose a great hardship on the company." By letter dated August 13, 1990, the NRC requested financial information to demonstrate that payment of the civil penalty would substantially affect your ability to remain in business or safely conduct licensed activities.

After consideration of your responses and review of your financial information, we have concluded for the reasons given in the Appendix attached to the enclosed Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty that a reduction of the amount of the proposed civil penalty is not appropriate. Accordingly, we hereby serve the enclosed Order on Mississippi X-Ray Service, Inc. imposing a civil monetary penalty in the amount of \$7,500. As stated in our letter of August 13, 1990, the NRC will accept payment of a civil penalty over time. If you wish to pay in installments, please inform the Director, Office of Enforcement, within 30 days. We will review the effectiveness of your corrective actions during a subsequent inspection.


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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Sincerely,



Hugh L. Thompson, Jr.
Deputy Executive Director for
Nuclear Materials Safety, Safeguards,
and Operations Support

Enclosure:
Order w/Appendix