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Soil and Materials, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. Luis Vazquez Castillo
President
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San Juan, Puerto Rico 00922

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 52-19193-01/90-01

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. H. Bermudez of this office on December 26, 1990. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Figueroa Street facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Mr. Carlos Rodriguez Molina, Vice President.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license with respect to radiation safety and compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license. It included selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and direct observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). We are concerned about the violations because they reflect lack of knowledge of, or management attention to, license requirements and NRC regulations. Specifically, we expect you to ensure that your authorized users meet the minimum training requirements specified in the license and that operations are performed in accordance with approved procedures and the conditions in your license. In addition, we noted that during your evaluation of an apparent radiation overexposure, you did not request your dosimetry processing vendor to further evaluate the film to determine whether heat or any other type of damage was evident until we requested you to do so. We recommend that in any future incident involving a high film badge reading in which you have reasons to believe that a personnel overexposure did not occur, you contact your dosimetry processing vendor to validate your suspected cause for the high reading.

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

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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.

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

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice is 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.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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J. Philip Stohr, Director
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and Safeguards

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