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Washington, D.C. 20555

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Attention: Document Control Desk  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: "Reply to a Notice of Violation"

On April 25, 1990 a inspection was conducted at a field location in East Vineland, N.J., by the US NRC - Region I. A reply is required concerning one violation, as per a letter dated 1/2/91.

Reason for the violation:

The restricted area was not roped off because the NRC has in the past allowed the posting of signs and surveillance by the license to be the sole means of restricting access in similar circumstances.

Immediate corrective action:

All radiography staff were reinstructed in the activities necessary to ensure proper posting of restricted areas. The instructions did include a revised work sheet for boundary dose rate and distance calculations. The reinstruction was completed by May 10, 1990. All personnel hired after that date were given identical instructions.

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The individual radiographers identified in the inspection received further refresher training in addition to the above reinstruction.

Future Corrective Action:

Rope and other substitutes are utilized to establish restricted area perimeters at all field operations where physically possible.

Extra emphasis is now placed on present and future field inspections of radiographic operations. Inspections conducted by radiation safety management have been more frequent and thorough than at any time previous.

One inspection by radiation safety management identified a restricted area established without the use of rope. Monetary penalties were assessed and collected. The remaining inspections have shown no repetitive violations of this nature.

Sincerely,



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