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Reply to a Notice of Violation

Docket No. 030-33274
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

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Gentlepersons:

I write in response to your notice of violation relative to the inspection of our premises on 4/13/94 by Kathleen Dolce. The violation cited involves the frequency of surveys in the radioactive waste storage area. The license calls for weekly inspections and several gaps in that survey requirement were noted by the inspector.

1 Reason for the violation. K.O. Technology is a small (5 scientists) company and we do not generate large amounts of waste. In fact, at our current rate of waste generation the plexiglass waste container in our lab only fills up every 4-6 weeks. Thus we only make trips to the waste storage area (behind 2 locked doors in a basement below our laboratory facilities) once every month or two. As a result most of our surveys of the waste area involve monitoring an area no person has visited since the previous survey. It had not been impressed on all staff that despite the absence of human activity we need to monitor on a weekly basis to make sure there have been no unexpected occurrences (such as water leaks, etc.).

2 Corrective steps that have been taken and results achieved. The weekly survey requirement has been adhered to rigidly since the above inspection and procedures have been clarified for all staff to assure a continuation of this practice.

3 Corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations. As indicated above I have instructed all staff regarding the weekly inspections. I will be checking the records to insure that we continue this practice.

4 Full compliance We are now in full compliance and have been since the week of Ms. Dolce's visit.

Please note we are also, under separate cover, submitting an amendment request to remove any reference to "room 102" from the license, thus authorizing use in any part of our facilities.

Yours truly,

Gunther Heinrich
Vice President

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