



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-8064

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Docket: 030-06402
License: 42-02964-01

Western Atlas International
Atlas Wireline Services
ATTN: Bill Rose
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Houston, Texas 77251

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-06402/94-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the routine, unannounced inspection conducted by Messrs. Richard A. Leonardi, Jr., and Robert A. Brown of this office on April 13 and May 12, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Materials License 42-02964-01 at the licensee's corporate offices in Houston, Texas, and at field stations located in Yukon, Oklahoma, and Rock Springs, Wyoming. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff.

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel, independent measurements, and observation of activities in progress.

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).

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 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.

The inspectors verified that you had neither opened nor closed a branch office since the last branch office closure was reported to the NRC in May 1992. You presently maintain district offices in NRC jurisdiction in the states of Oklahoma and Wyoming. The inspectors determined that the Houston, Texas, facility is being used as a storage location for surplus (inactive) sealed sources for your domestic and international well logging operations. Additionally, you indicated that all offshore logging operations had been dispatched out of the Houma, Louisiana, and Pearland, Texas, district offices.

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Although three violations of NRC requirements were identified, the inspectors determined that you were generally effective in maintaining an adequately controlled radiation safety program for the size and scope of activities conducted by the licensee. The inspectors also noted that, in general, licensed materials appeared to have been received, transferred, used, and disposed of in accordance with regulatory requirements and license conditions.

The inspectors were not able to observe the licensee conduct well logging operations during the course of this inspection.

Also reviewed were the actions you had taken with respect to the violations observed during our previous inspection conducted on September 6-11, 1991. The inspection verified that the corrective actions for these violations had been implemented as stated in your reply dated January 24, 1992, and that these actions were effective.

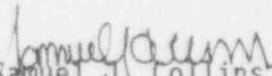
The inspectors noted that you had conducted annual safety program audits of all district offices, and a review of these audits indicated that they were effective in identifying program deficiencies. However, corrective efforts by radiation safety staff appeared limited. For example, failure of district offices to forward copies of required records (annual logging supervisor performance audits and annual safety reviews) to the corporate Radiation Safety Officer was identified as a recurring problem. The inspectors identified as a contributing factor the apparent lack of proactive involvement by corporate operations management in support of efforts by radiation safety staff in implementing corrective measures.

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 are 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 the inspectors identified above at (817) 860-8100.

Sincerely,


Samuel J. Collins, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

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Oklahoma Radiation Control Program Director

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