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Dear Messrs. Bernero and Martin:

In response to being placed on the "Priority Facilities" list at the Commission's June 27, 1990 meeting, we believe it to be both necessary and appropriate to assure that you are fully aware of our efforts and progress since the March 1989 NRC inspection, as well as informing you of additional actions we are taking to assure that Process Technology, a subsidiary of RTI Inc, will be operated safely and will not appear on future priority lists.

On February 27, 1989, I assumed the role of President and Chief Executive Officer. My first priority was to develop an effective management team that would run the company safely and in accordance with government regulations and company policy. Although I had only been with the company a few weeks, the US NRC Region I inspection in March 1989, and the enforcement conference that followed, amplified my belief that tough, hands-on management would be necessary to bring about the type of operation I wanted and which was needed.

It became increasingly obvious to me that a significant attitudinal change was necessary to bring operations at Process Technology to the level of excellence that was required. As I reviewed matters after the enforcement conference, management personnel were given clear and concise instructions and orders regarding the operation of the company and the changes that were needed.

I made it clear that the company was to operate in strict compliance with regulations and according to approved procedure. Managers who did not demonstrate the ability to operate under this policy resigned or were asked to resign. Other technically competent people who believe in and are committed to the new safety attitude and policies were assigned the responsibilities of those who had left.

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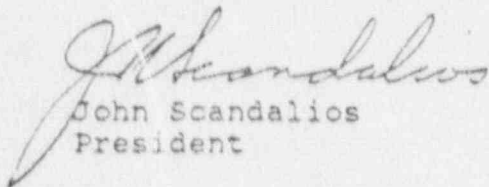
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As a result of our placement on the "Priorities Facilities" list, I believe it is absolutely vital that the NRC be aware of the following:

1. The actions we have already taken to eliminate the problems of the past and to substantially upgrade and improve the safety performance of our current activities; and
2. The actions we are implementing to further enhance internal and external communications and our safety performance.

The attached "Process Technology Quality Status and Improvement Plan" documents the changes implemented by the new management team, as well as, describing the additional actions we are proposing to address since being placed on the "Priority Facilities" list. We would welcome your comments and suggestions on the enclosed plan.

Sincerely,

  
John Scandalios  
President

Attachment:  
Process Technology Quality  
Status and Improvement Plan

cc: w/enclosure  
Chairman Carr  
Commissioner Rogers  
Commissioner Curtiss  
Commissioner Remick  
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Director of Operations