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Subject: Reply to a Notice of Violation

Gentlemen:

In response to your NRC Notice of Violation (Notice) enclosed with your letter dated March 8, 1991, the following are submitted as instructed:

1. The violation was a consequence of an operating instruction, Health Physics Instruction 4-12, that contained a requirement for duplicative documentation for a Type B shipment of radioactive material. The instruction required that two checklists be completed, both showing package and contents integrity, for each Type B shipment, and one of the checklists was inadvertently omitted for the shipment in question.
2. The operating instruction is being rewritten to remove the redundancy. Only one checklist for package and contents integrity will be required.
3. Future Type B shipments of radioactive materials will be processed under the new operating instruction.
4. Full compliance will be achieved by April 15, 1991, with the completion of the rewriting of the operating instruction.

Type B shipments from NIST are few and far between so that the completion date for the corrective action will be far in advance of operational needs for Type B package and contents integrity checklist.

Sincerely,

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