

January 24, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR: File
FROM: Jim Myers, *OSP*
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO 5S-2

1. Subject letter, dated December 12, 1994, from the Radiation Protection Division, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to R.D. Dicharry, President, Source Production and Equipment Co, St. Rose, Louisiana contains a reference to "urging U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to request that Southwest Research Institute test the device", an Industrial Nuclear radiography camera, model IR - 100, "to determine compliance." Subject letter's enclosure is the state's investigation report. The problem, as discerned from the letter and investigation report concerns the IR-100's apparent lack of compliance, possibly generic, with ANSI Standard N432-1980

The letter also indicates that the state of California was notified of the issue, since the camera's manufacturer, Industrial Nuclear Corporation, is a California licensee.

2. It was determined that an "event" report had been submitted on the above matter by Bob Doda, RSAO, Region IV on October 10, 1996 as a result of the state reporting the matter to NRC.

3. The state's report was entered into NRC's event tracking system by Pat Larken. Pat also distributed the report to Jim Myers, OSP, S. Pettijohn, AEOJ, J. Glenn, NMSS on October 20, 1994.

4. We do not have a copy of the letter sent by SPEC, Inc. to Louisiana. A copy of the SPEC letters have been requested.

5. Jack Hornor, RSAO, WCFO, was contacted to assure that CA was aware of the issue and was following up on it with Industrial Nuclear.

BACKGROUND:

1. William Spell, LA, Ed Bailey, CA and Steve Baggett, NMSS discussed this matter at the October 1994 Agreement State meeting. It is understood by me that a consensus was reached that CA would investigate the matter, since the device is manufactured in CA.

2. Steve Baggett has indicated that NRC is developing a contract, possibly with Southwest Research, to evaluate cameras against the ANSI standard. It is estimated that the contract will be completed by February.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Consider issuing an Agreement States letter when the NMSS contract is operational.

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ACTIONS:

1. Bill Spell was contacted and informed of NRC's development of the contract.
2. Copy of this package will be placed in LA, CA, Radiography files and in PDR.
3. Copy of this memo e-mailed to Jack Hornor and Bob Doda.