

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Ronan Engineering Company
Florence, Kentucky

Docket No. 999-90002

During an inspection conducted on May 27, 1994, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 30.18(c) prohibits, for purpose of commercial distribution, the production, packaging, repackaging or transfer of byproduct material, or the incorporation of byproduct material into products intended for commercial distribution, except as specified in a distribution license issued by the NRC.

Contrary to the above, in 1993, Ronan Engineering Company transferred cesium-137 exempted sources to approximately 5-6 customers for incorporation into gauges and on approximately 2-3 occasions to scrap metal dealers for use as check sources without an NRC license authorizing such distribution.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Ronan Engineering Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region II, and Chief, Nuclear Materials Inspection Section, Region II, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or demand for information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
This 14th day of December, 1994

Enclosure