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Docket No. 50-348
Docket No. 50-364

Mr. R. C. Lewis
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
101 Marietta Street, N.W.
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Atlanta, GA 30303

**SUBJECT: J. M. Farley Nuclear Plant NRC Inspection of
April 30 - May 4, 1984**

**RE: Report Numbers 50-348/84-14
50-364/84-14**

Dear Mr. Lewis:

This letter refers to the violation cited in the subject inspection reports which states:

"The following violation was identified during an inspection conducted on April 30 - May 4, 1984. The Severity Levels were assigned in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C).

10 CFR 20.103(c) states that a licensee may make allowance for the use of respiratory protective equipment in estimating exposures of individuals to radioactive materials in air provided certain requirements are met. 10 CFR 20.103(c)(2) requires fitting of respirators, testing of respirators for operability immediately prior to each use and training of personnel.

Contrary to the above, improper allowance was made for the use of disposable half face respirators in estimating exposures of individuals to radioactive materials in air in that respirator fitting, testing, and training was not performed.

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

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Admission or Denial

The above violation occurred as described in the subject reports.

Reason for Violation

This violation was caused by personnel error. Certain Health Physics technicians responsible for respirator issue were unaware that protection factor credit was not to be taken for the 3M 9940 disposable half face respirator. A contributing cause was the fact that the September 1983 revision to HP Form 257 (Respiratory Protection Record) listed the 3M mask along with other approved respirators.

Corrective Action Taken and Results Achieved

The personnel records affected by this occurrence have been corrected to indicate that no protection factor credit was taken for the 3M mask. No MPC-hour limits were exceeded.

Corrective Steps Taken to Avoid Further Violations

All Health Physics technicians and foremen have been retrained on the proper utilization of respirator protection factors. In addition, HP Form 257 has been corrected to eliminate the 3M mask as an approved respirator.

Date of Full Compliance

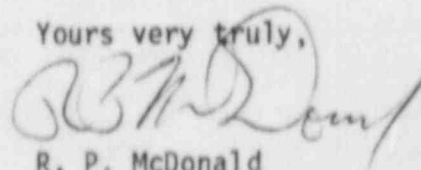
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Affirmation

I affirm that this response is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

The information contained in this letter is not considered to be of a proprietary nature.

Yours very truly,



R. P. McDonald

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