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June 18, 1996

Francis L. Weedon, President
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-33980/95-01 AND
INVESTIGATION REPORT 4-95-045)

Dear Mr. Weedon:

Thank you for your letters of May 13 and June 6, 1996, in response to our Notice of Violation dated April 15, 1996, and the telephone conversation between you and Mr. William H. Radcliffe of this office on June 3, 1996. We have reviewed your replies and find that no further information is needed at this time regarding the violation described in the Notice. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

With regard to your concerns about identifying potential recipients for the sources still in your possession, a member of the Nuclear Materials Licensing Branch will contact you in the near future to provide you with updated information on companies and persons interested in obtaining such sources.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Howell, Chief
Nuclear Materials Inspection and
Fuel Cycle/Decommissioning Branch

Docket: 030-33980
License: 35-21110-01 & 35-21110-02

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JUNE 6, 1996

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SUBJECT INSPECTION REPORT: 030-33980/95-01
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THE FOLLOWING IS A ADDENDUM TO MY LETTER OF MAY 13, 1996 AND RESPONDING TO YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 15, 1996. THIS LETTER IS RESPONDING FUTURE TO YOUR QUESTIONS IN YOUR LETTER.

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND FORM 314 COMPLETELY, I THOUGHT THAT EVERY TIME I DISPOSED OR TRANSFERRED A SOURCE THAT I WOULD SUBMIT THIS FORM SHOWING THE TRANSFER OR DISPOSAL OF THE MATERIAL.

I CORRECTED THE SOLUTION BY OBTAINING THE OPTION OF A STORAGE OR POSSESSION ONLY LICENSE ONLY AND NOTIFIED THE NRC IN WASHINGTON AND PAID THE FEE FOR THIS LICENSE.

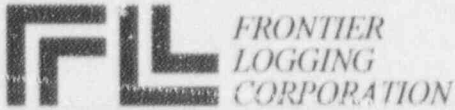
WHEN EVER D.O.E. WILL TAKE THE SOURCES OR IF A LICENSE COMPANY TO TAKE SEALED SOURCES CALL'S I WILL NOTIFY THE NRC REGION IV OFFICE ON THE PROPER PROCEDURE TO TRANSFER THESE SOURCES PROPERLY.

I FEEL AS OF THIS DATE THAT I HAVE COMPLIED AS I HAD MENTION IN MY LETTER OF MAY 13, 1996.

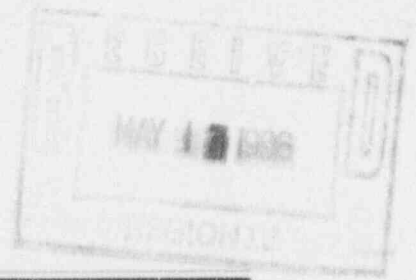
SINCERELY,

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MAY 13, 1996

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT: 030-33980/95-01
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I AM RESPONDING TO YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 15, 1996, AS I DO NOT HAVE A STAFF OF PEOPLE TO HELP ME WITH THIS RESPONSE I WILL TRY THE BEST THAT I CAN TO ANSWER THIS LETTER. I HAVE TO WORK TO FIND THE JOBS AND THEN GO WORK ON THE JOBS TO TO PAY MY EXPENSES AS WELL AS HELP FUND YOUR BUDGET.

I NEVER INTENDED TO KEEP ANYTHING FROM THE NRC, I HAVE BEEN USING SEALED SOURCES FOR OVER 25 YEARS AND MY FIRST CONCERN HAS BEEN SAFETY FOR THE PERSONNEL AROUND ME WHILE USING THE SOURCES AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC AND I HAVE MAINTAINED THIS CONCERN ALL THESE YEARS.

AT THE TIME THAT MY LICENSE WAS TO BE RE-RENEWED I COULDN'T AFFORD THE VERY HIGH FEE THAT YOU PLACED ON ME AS IT WOULD HAVE COST ME OVER \$ 8,000.00 TO RE-NEW, INSPECTIONS AND ANNUAL FEE. WE HAD BEEN DOING ABOUT \$ 1,600.00 WORTH OF BUSINESS USING THESE SOURCES. I WAS TRYING TO DISPOSE OF THESE SMALL SOURCES BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRED, BUT THIS IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DO BECAUSE OF THE SMALL AMOUNT OF LOGGING WORK AND THE HIGH FEE'S HAD PUT OTHER LOGGER'S OUT OF BUSINESS. I CALLED, SENT OUT FAX'S IN TRYING TO DISPOSE OR FINDING SOMEONE TO TAKE THESE SOURCES BUT NO ONE WANTED THEM AS THAY HAD DISPOSED OF THERE'S OR DIDN'T WANT ANYMORE SOURCES. AFTER SEVERAL MONTH'S I FOUND SOMEONE TO TAKE SOME OF THE SOURCES AND AFTER MANY PHONE CALLS AND FAX'S TO AMERSHAM THEY TOOK THE COBALT-60 SOURCE AFTER I PAID THEM \$600.00, SOME OF THE BROKERS SAID THAY WOULD TAKE THEM FOR \$ 28,000.00 AND THIS WAS FOR STORAGE. I CALLED D.O.E. IN NEW MEXICO ABOUT TAKING THE AMBE-241 SOURCES AND THAY COULDN'T TAKE THEM AT THAT TIME, HOWEVER IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR THEY WOULD BE TAKING AMBE-241 SOURCES BUT WOULD ONLY TAKE THE BAD SOURCES. HOWEVER I HAVE BEEN PUT ON THERE LIST, BUT THEY COULDN'T TELL ME WHEN OR HOW MANY YEARS IT WOULD BE BEFORE I CAN SHIP THEM TO D.O.E. IN NEW MEXICO.

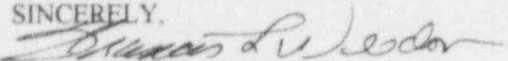
AFTER MANY PHONE CALLS AND FAX I TRIED TO KEEP THE NRC UP TO DATE ON THE PROGRESS OF DISPOSING OF THE SOURCES. I WAS ADVISED BY THE NRC THAT I COULD OPTION A STORAGE LICENSE ONLY AND WAS GIVEN A TELEPHONE NUMBER IN WASHINGTON, D.C. NRC OFFICE TO GET THE FEE AMOUNT AND THE FORMS TO APPLY FOR THIS LICENSE. I NOW HAVE THE LICENSE AND KEEP THE FILM BADGES AS WELL AS THE SURVEY METERS CALIBRATED AT 6 MONTHS AND LEAK TEST AT ONE YEAR THE SOURCES ARE UNDER LOCK AND STORED WHERE I CAN SEE THEM REGULARLY.

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I APPARENTLY DIDN'T HANDLE THE FORM 314 IN THE RIGHT WAY, BUT I HAD NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO COVER UP ANYTHING.

I DON'T THINK THE NRC REALIZE THE IMPACT THE HIGH FEE'S THAT WERE PLACED ON THE SMALL LOGGING COMPANIES LIKE MYSELF. WHEN MY LICENSE WAS ISSUED NO ONE TOLD ME THAT THE FEE'S WOULD BE SO HIGH AND THAT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET RID ON OUR SMALL SOURCES, SO MAYBE YOU CAN SEE HOW I FEEL TRAPPED WITH THESE SOURCES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

SINCERELY,



FRANCIS L. WEEDON

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