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License: 42-01512-01  
Docket: 30-06397/85-01

Western Company of North American  
Western Petroleum Services  
ATTN: J. W. Huie, President  
P. O. Box 186  
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

Gentlemen:

This refers to the special, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Mr. C. A. Hooker of this office at your Sidney, Montana, facility on March 26, 1985, and your Fort Worth, Texas, office on April 2, 1985, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License 42-01512-01 and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The enclosed NRC inspection Report 30-06397/85-01 documents this inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to review an allegation received by the NRC concerning the improper handling of radioactive frac sand at the licensee's facility in Sidney, Montana.

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations, and the conditions of the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel, independent measurements, and observations by the inspector.

During this inspection certain of your activities were found not to be conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this matter in writing in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The response directed by this letter and accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

R. J. EVERETT

R. J. Everett, Acting Chief  
Nuclear Materials Safety and  
Safeguards Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection  
Report 30-06397/85-01

cc w/enclosures:

Montana Dept. of Health

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