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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator, RIV

FROM: James M. Taylor, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

SUBJECT: EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF ESCALATED ENFORCEMENT MAIL

This is in response to your memorandum of August 16, 1985 on the above-captioned subject. In that memorandum you state that there have been occasions when Region IV has not received a copy of the licensee's response to escalated enforcement cases directly from the licensee. The Region has then had to obtain a copy from IE with consequent delays in evaluating the licensee's response. The Enforcement Staff has checked with the other regions and they do not appear to have a similar problem.

You propose that IE establish the policy that whenever IE receives a licensee response which requires initial action by a regional office that (a) an IE staff member notify the appropriate regional contact (i.e., secretary, enforcement officer) of such receipt, (b) the region conduct a search to locate the licensee's response, and (c) if the response is not located, the region should request that IE provide a copy of the response by express mail. The regions would, similarly, notify IE when a response or civil penalty payment is received to ensure IE has or can obtain a copy. IE has, on occasion, not received licensees' responses directly and has had to ask the regions for copies.

I feel that the proposed policy could benefit all of us and, therefore, have asked the Enforcement Staff to implement the policy. By copy of this memorandum, the other regions are requested to implement this policy as well.


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