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Docket No. 030-21067  
License No. 45-18318-02

STS Consultants, Ltd.  
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 45-18318-02/88-01)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by Mr. E. Kline on April 20, 1988. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Mr. L. Sirianni, Senior Project Engineer. NRC concerns relative to this matter were discussed in a telephone conversation on May 19, 1988, between Mr. R. Brown and yourself.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license with respect to radiation safety and compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license. It included selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and direct observations by the inspector.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appeared to violate NRC requirements. The violations, references to pertinent requirements, and elements to be included in your response are described in the enclosed Notice of Violation.

Continued violation of NRC requirements may result in your being considered for escalated enforcement action. For your information, under NRC's 10 CFR 2, Appendix C--"General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Action," escalated enforcement may include: civil penalties; orders modifying, suspending or revoking licenses; or an order to cease and desist certain activities.

NRC is also concerned about the inadequacies associated with your personnel monitoring program as evidenced by violations D and E. Since you failed to provide personnel monitoring you should (1) evaluate the exposure of all individuals and (2) make the results of the evaluation a matter of permanent record pursuant to 10 CFR 20.401.

The violation described in the enclosed Notice is similar to a violation contained in the Notice sent to you by our letter dated December 27, 1984. Because "similar violations," as described in the NRC Enforcement Policy, are of significant concern to the NRC, please give particular attention in your response to the identification of the root cause of this problem and your corrective action to prevent recurrence.

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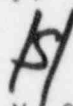
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The responses directed by this letter and its enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Douglas M. Collins, Acting Director  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

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