

November 19, 1997

Department of the Navy
Chief of Naval Operations (N-45)
Navy Radiation Safety Committee
ATTN: RADM J. Totushek
Chairman
Washington, D.C. 20350-2000

SUBJECT: RADIOLOGICAL AFFAIRS SUPPORT OFFICE INSPECTION OF NAVY RADIOACTIVE
MATERIALS PERMIT NO. 53-00311-A1NP

Dear Admiral Totushek:

This refers to the inspection conducted by the Radiological Affairs Support Office (RASO) staff of licensed activities authorized by Navy Permit No. 53-00311-A1NP (industrial radiography), at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Hawaii. The results of this inspection were described in your letter dated July 21, 1997, and you provided additional information regarding the Severity Level III violation noted during the inspection in a letter dated July 24, 1997. The Severity Level III violation cited by the RASO inspector concerned the operation of the control cable hand crank in the equipment setup phase of a radiographic operation by a technically unqualified individual (10 CFR 34.31(b)).

The NRC may cite the Navy for violations of NRC regulations or license conditions which the NRC would categorize at a Severity Level I, II, or III, when these violations are identified by either the Navy or the NRC. The Navy's master materials license requires that when assessing the severity level of a violation, the Naval Radiation Safety Committee (NRSC) must follow the NRC's enforcement policies and procedures. The NRSC may not be any less restrictive in assigning severity levels to violations than the NRC, but it may be more restrictive as it deems necessary. After review of your July 24, 1997, letter, we have determined that in this case, the NRC would have assessed this violation as a Severity Level IV violation (see enclosure). Therefore, we will take no further enforcement action regarding this violation.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

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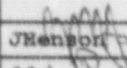
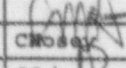
Douglas M. Collins, Acting Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure: Violation Description

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