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Director, Office of Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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Re: Reply to a Notice of Violation
Docket No. 030-20169
License No. 45-16546-02
EA 87-126
NRC Inspection Report No. 45-16546-02/87-01
ATEC Associates of Virginia, Inc.
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Sir:

This letter constitutes ATEC Associates of Virginia, Inc. Reply
to a Notice of Violation" as required in the Notice of Violation
issued August 19, 1987. As part of our required response, we
provide the following information for each of the alleged
violations.

1. Admission or denial of the violation:

- I. The licensee admits that one of its properly trained operators did not store or protect the licensed material in accordance with the license.
- II. A. The licensee admits that the licensed material was transported with the shipping papers stored with the materials, but not within the drivers reach nor readily visible.
- II. B. The licensee admits that the survey meter had not been calibrated between June 1985 and December 1986, but notes that the meter calibration had been performed at proper intervals at the time of inspection.

2. The reasons for the violation:

- I. The employee responsible for the licensed material exhibited extreme negligence despite extensive training and was in violation of company policy. The employee has since been terminated.

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- II. A. The licensee incorrectly assumed that the previous transportation procedures were in accordance with D.O.T. 49 CFR 170-189.
- II. B. The R.S.O. during the period between June 1985 and December 1986 had become negligent in his duties and resigned in November 1986. An audit of records uncovered the missing calibrations which led to the immediate recalibration.


3&4. Corrective Steps

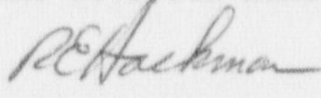
- I. After the incident, all operators were retrained and proper storage and protection procedures were stressed. An additional instructional module was added to the operator training course. All field managers are instructed to visit sites frequently to monitor the operators performance.
- II. A. A new policy was instituted requiring that the shipping papers be carried within easy reach of the driver in the transport vehicle.
- II. B. Tighter controls were implemented to insure that the device is calibrated frequently. Additionally, a consultant quarterly audit of records to act as a second check that the calibration records are current.

5. Full compliance has been achieved in all areas.

Considering the enclosed information, we trust that this reply has satisfied the requirements of the Notice of Violation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if further information is required. Additionally, we request notification of receipt of this information to complete our records.

Sincerely,
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