Docket No. 030-12770

License No. 50-17446-01

Testing Institute of Alaska 2114 Railroad Avenue Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Attention: Mr. Donald Lockman

President

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated October 17, 1987, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct items which we brought to your attention in our letter dated September 17, 1987. Based on the information that you have provided, the violations cited in the Notice of Violation are rescinded. However, you should be fully aware that 10 CFR 30.52(b) requires, in part, that you maintain all appropriate records in the office so that they are available for inspection by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In the future, it is imperative that you do so. The corrective actions that you have taken will be verified during our next inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Suginal Signed James L. Montgomery, Chief Nuclear Materials Safety and

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Attn: James L. Montgomery, Chief Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards Branch

RE: "Reply to a Notice of Violation"

The following is in response to a Notice of Violation sent to the Testing Institute of Alaska, Inc. under your Docket No. 030-12770 and our License No. 50-17446-01 of an NRC inspection conducted on August 4 and 5, 1987.

ITEM #A: 10CFR 34.11(d)(1)

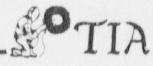
The inspector found incomplete records of two radiographer audits which were performed but were not turned into the office for proper filing.

- No violation had occurred because the two audits were performed in the field but were not turned into the office for filing.
- 2. The two missing audits were found; one with the equipment that was returned from Nome, Alaska for Don Gilhousen, and the other in the back shop area where it was left after a source was changed from a shipping container to one of our cameras for Tim Lockman.
- 3. Steps have been taken in instructing Testing Institute of Alaska personnel to be sure these documents are turned into the office as soon as possible after the audits are performed so they can be placed in the proper files.
- 4. Full compliance has been met in this item.

ITEM #B: 10CFR 34.28(b)

The inspector found incomplete records of two exposure devices, Serial No. 2134 and 2197, which had an absence of quarterly maintenance performed.

 No admission of violation, as these records were also found in the same locations, respectively, as those in item #1 above.



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- 2. The two missing quarterly inspection and maintenance inventory records were found and placed in the respective files. The completed quarterly inspection and maintenance inventory form for exposure device, Serial No. 2134, dated June 30, 1987 was found in the back shop along with other papers where Tim Lockman and Steve Lockman were changing a new source from a shipping container to this camera device No. 2134. The completed quarterly inspection and maintenance inventory form dated July 9, 1987 for the exposure device No. 2197 was found with the equipment returned from Nome, Alaska where the inspection and record was made.
- Steps have been taken in instructing Testing Institute of Alaska personnel to make sure important records such as these be delivered to the office for proper filing.
- 4. The documents are on file with the other records for each exposure device so that full compliance has been accomplished.

ITEM #C: 10CFR 34.25(b)

The inspector found that the files for Iridium-192 Source, Serial No. 104.086 was missing a leak test report.

- 1. No violation had occurred because a leak test was taken, however, the exposure device, Serial No. 359, was entered on the leak test kit instead of the source, Serial No. 104.086. This was inadvertently done due to the concern of the exposure device's age and the possibility of contamination of depleted Uranium. The leak test was received by Gamma Industries Inc. on May 21, 1987 with their report dated June 26, 1987, and the source was transferred on June 30, 1987. The leak test did not show any leakage of the IR-192 source but did show .0059 grams of depleted Uranium.
- 2. The corrective steps taken were to enter the leak test information in the source file no. 104.086 for permanent record.
- The corrective steps to be taken is to enter all pertinent information on future leak test kits.
- 4. Full compliance has been accomplished with the leak test results entered in the proper source file. Also, the exposure device 359 has been taken out of service on June 30, 1987 until repair or replacement. Enclosed are copies of the utilization report forms showing source No. 104.086 being housed in exposure device No. 359 and a copy of the leak test results.



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ITEM #D: 10CFR 34.26

The inspector found the quarterly physical inventory of sealed sources file incomplete.

- No violation is admitted as the missing quarterly physical inventory report was found and placed in the proper file.
- The corrective steps that have been taken were to find the missing report and when found place it in the proper file for permanent record.
- 3. The corrective steps that are being taken are to instruct Testing Institute of Alaska personnel to file records properly, and conduct periodic file audits to see if records are being properly filed.
- 4. Full compliance has been achieved by the refiling of the misfiled form.

ITEM #E: 10CFR 20.407

The inspector states he could not find record of the required report of the total number of individual personnel monitoring which is to be sent to NRC within the first quarter of each calendar year.

- No violation is admitted as this completed record was made and mailed January 28, 1987 to Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.
- 2. No corrective steps were necessary.
- 3. No corrective steps are necessary.
- 4. Full compliance was achieved on January 28, 1987 when this form was mailed as illustrated in subparagraph (1) above.

This form was produced for review by the inspector when he asked for it. Later, he asked again for it and the same record was again produced. Enclosed is a copy of this record which was on file.

If further information is required, please contact me.

Donald M. Lockman / Radiation Safety Officer

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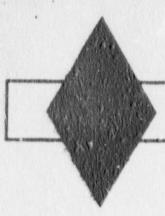
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