



April 12, 1998

United States Nuclear Regulatory
CommissionAttn: Regional Administrator
Region III

801 Warrenville Road

Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351

Dear Sir: Re: Reply to a Notice of Violation

In reply to the notice, I would like to reiterate that I had no intention of deliberately submitting information that was inaccurate. It is my belief that the sample time was for two minutes, but I cannot prove it wasn't short of two minutes.

Initially I recorded one minute, because of the Training

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I received, which as I recall, specified that air sampler should be recorded as one minute results.

I'm not absolutely sure, but after asking supervisor if only one minute results could be recorded, he said that I could use whatever time the sample ran. I did not know in advance if the resulting analysis would turn out as it did, only that it might according to the supervisor. In any event, I was really trying to help out and felt in my mind to be recording a more likely accurate result.

Concerning the corrective actions or steps taken since the incident

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after which I received complete absolution of deliberately falsifying the report, with the consensus that I had used poor health physics practices.

I was asked if I would prefer being laid off or returning to work to work. I choose to lay off instead of going back into the plant. I've since had second thoughts about that decision.

Since, I have worked four outages and now am in my fifth outage and have been very careful not to let this type of situation ever occur again. I feel that the results

of these efforts to responsibly carry out my duties to protect the public, the workers, and myself are reflected in the successful job performance since.

The first and foremost of the steps I have taken to correct this action is to obtain a digital watch, and not ever use a sweep second watch again for timing such an important event. Also, I obtain the information about situations I am not comfortable with before I start the project.

As to the date full compliance will be achieved, I feel

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that I have accomplished this phase perhaps as early as the first outage after the event at Clinton, but will continue to perfect my knowledge and skills as a health physicist.

I regret this occurred and will not let it happen again, and will just do the job or task correctly the first time.

Sincerely,

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