

September 10, 2022

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555-001

Docket No. 030-36974 License No. 53-29296-01

RE: Response to the NRC Notice of Violation dated August 12, 2022.

Violation: 10 CFR 36.51(d) requires, in part, that licensees shall conduct safety reviews for

irradiator operators at least annually and give each operator a brief written test

on the information.

Reason for the violation:

 The RSO (John Kaneko) overlooked this requirement and the annual safety reviews and written tests were not conducted for the irradiator operators as required by 10 CFR 36.51(d).

Corrective Actions taken:

- The RSO has notified (verbally) irradiator operators and the company President (Michael Kohn) of the findings of the July 26, 2022 NRC inspection and August 12, 2022 Notice of Violation.
- The RSO has alerted irradiator operators and the company President of the need for the RSO to conduct annual radiation safety reviews and what to expect in terms of safety topics, directed reading and a brief written test.
- The RSO has reviewed 10 CFR 36.51(d) which lists the review topics and test requirements.
- The RSO is in the process of preparing updated safety information and reading material for the review and written test for irradiator operators.

Corrective Actions that will be taken:

• Conduct annual safety review and a brief written test for irradiator operators on that information.

Date of compliance:

• Completed by October 31, 2022.

Please let me know if additional information or clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

John Kaneko RSO

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