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To: [Lizette Roldan-Otero](#)
Cc: [Kyle Bischoff](#); [Michael Fuiava](#); [Mohanned Kawasmi](#)
Subject: [External_Sender] Re: NRC Inspection Report and Choice Letter / Paramount Builders, Inc.
Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 4:07:19 PM
Attachments: [Written response.pdf](#)

Hi Lizette,

Please find attached written response.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

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On Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 05:07:09 AM GMT-11, Mohanned Kawasmi
<mohanned.kawasmi@nrc.gov> wrote:

Hello Danny De Lara,

Please see the NRC Inspection Report which identifies an apparent violation that is being considered for escalated enforcement action. As we discussed in our exit meeting on June 28, 2023 and conveyed in the attached document, **a reply with your choice of providing a written response to this apparent violation or request for a Predecisional Enforcement Conference is required to be submitted to my Branch Chief, Lizette Roldán-Otero via phone at 817-200-1455 or email at Lizette.Roldan-Otero@nrc.gov by July 13, 2023.** If you choose to provide a written response to the apparent violation, the response would be due by August 2, 2023.

In addition to the reply and response, please be sure to submit an amendment to your NRC license requesting that the Radiation Safety Officer be updated to whoever is performing the duties of Radiation Safety Officer. You can do this by sending an email to R4LicensingActionSubmittals.Resource@nrc.gov requesting this change. Please be sure to attach to that email the training records as well as a completed [NRC Form 313](#). Please refer to [NUREG 1556, Volume 1](#) for additional information or reach out to R4LicensingActionSubmittals.Resource@nrc.gov

with any questions you may have regarding this issue.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like for me to provide any additional explanation or clarifications.

Thank you,

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August 1, 2023

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Subject: Paramount Builders – NRC Inspection Report 030-39276/2022-001

In response to the above inspection report, I would like to give a quick overview of our company. Paramount Builders is a locally owned construction company that operates in American Samoa. We had contracted various civil construction projects with American Samoa Government. Due to limited resources on the Island, we had decided to apply for NRC license to allow us our company to perform moisture density measurements for our ongoing projects. Danielle Monroe is our first licensed RSO but unfortunately, she decided to left company and moved to Texas with her family.

During Danielle Monroe departure, Elisaia Folau Jr. is the only RSO we have left in our company, he completed his courses in 2021 - during this time, American Samoa was under Border Closure. With the guidance of the RSO on file, he was able to operate the Portable Gauge Machine.

Unfortunately, the RSO on file was unable to sign off on Folau's certificates because he left his post due to a family emergency, he took his son to Hawaii for chemotherapy before he could return home after being stuck in Hawaii for 2 years due to Border Closure. Since his departure, Paramount has left with no RSO and haven't used our NDM and left untouched in a properly secured location.

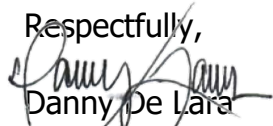
We had contacted McConnell Dowell, a local construction company with NDM license to perform our moisture density measurements for our projects, since we are no longer able to use our NDM without a licensed RSO. Paramount has invested a lot of time and money to get a license, however, due to unfortunate circumstances, we haven't made our investment worth and yet we had paid so much money to Mconnell Dowell for their service.

We did fail to amend our license on time due to urgency of getting our project completed on schedule, Paramount understand the huge risk of handing this machine without a properly trained RSO. We have recently submitted the NRC Form 313 to amend our NRC license requesting that the Radiation Safety Officer be updated.



Should you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully,


Danny De Lara
Operations Manager