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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO - ORDER PROHIBITING INVOLVEMENT IN NRC-LICENSED ACTIVITIES, NRC INVESTIGATION REPORT 1-2023-007

To whom it may concern,

My name is David Huey and I am writing in response to the order prohibiting me from involvement in NRC-licensed activities.

First, I would like to say that I do not dispute the findings of the investigation and accept the provisions set forth in the order of prohibition for my involvement in the incident. I take responsibility for my role in the occurrences that happened that day and have learned a hard lesson, which I will continue to pay for during the next three years.

I have been involved in NDT/industrial radiography for the last 16 years and this single instance has stalled my career projection and taken me a couple steps backward. The past two years I have been suspended from licensed activities and now with the order it will be a total of five years without being able to be involved in responsibilities of a career that has been great to me. This has not only negatively impacted my career path but has also been a hinderance to the company I work with.

Although it is a hard, stressful lesson I feel that it will make me a better leader to the industry once my ban is complete. There is never an excuse to color outside the lines of the regulations set forth to keep not only the public safe, but also those working in the radiography industry. The implications of not following the regulations can negatively impact a person's life in a regrettable way and even worse by potentially ending someone's life. I now understand in greater detail the importance of the regulations towards the safety of the public we're around and how the public depends on us to keep them safe. No matter how important a job may seem, it is never an excuse to violate any regulation in order to accomplish it.

I can assure the NRC that I am completely regretful of my role in the occurrences that happened, and I will be a better person from it. I intend to invest in continually learning more and increasing my knowledge of radiation safety beyond the minimum requirements. It is also my intention to be an advocate for helping to teach others the implications and importance of following the regulations from a firsthand perspective of someone who went through it. The last two years have been quite stressful, to say the least. I would urge anyone in the industry to do everything they can to follow all regulations to never have to experience the stress of a violation or even worse, have an accident that the regulations are set to prevent.

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Lastly, I would like to apologize to all of those involved for the lack of communication during the process. I had acquired representation to help navigate my response and ultimately, that regrettably lead to zero response from my end. Although that happened, I would like the Commission to know that I have never taken this lightly and have always fully intended on complying. I truly wish this all had never happened and that when it did that it had progressed differently, but hindsight is 20/20. I have learned a great lesson and intend on being a better person from it. The only way the NRC will hear of the name David Huey after the order of prohibition is complete will be because I will be positively advocating for the regulations and training those in my industry to never have to experience a violation or worse.

With respect and best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Huey". The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops and a prominent initial "D".

David E. Huey