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Mr. John Bradburne
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Subject: Noncompliance Number NTS-OH-FN-FERM-FEMP-1996-0001

Dear Mr. Bradburne:

On August 7, 1996, the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of
Enforcement and Investigation conducted an enforcement conference
with you regarding a noncompliance associated with the Radiation
Control Technician (RCT) training program. This potential
violation was reported by you on March 6, 1996, after it was
identified during a DOE Field Office assessment. The conference
was held in response to information obtained in an onsite
evaluation conducted by my office.

During this conference you provided additional clarifications
regarding concerns with the status of corrective actions that
arose during the onsite review, as well as additional information
relevant to our consideration of the safety significance of the
noncompliance. As set forth in the attached Enforcement
Conference Summary, DOE, consistent with its enforcement policy
(10 CFR 820, Appendix A), has considered both the safety
significance of the issue involved and the completeness and
timeliness of corrective actions.

My office, in coordination with the DOE Ohio Field Office and the
DOE Fernald Site Office staff, will continue to review performance
of site training programs. We will also continue to monitor the
effectiveness of the enhanced independent assessment program
developed by FERMCO. It is our expectation that in the future,
corrective action plans will be transmitted in a comprehensive and
timely manner.

Based on the additional information provided during this
conference regarding these issues, DOE has concluded that the
noncompliance
associated with this case lacks the requisite safety significance
to warrant further action by my office.

If you have any further questions on these matters, please contact Howard Wilchins of my staff at (301) 903-0107.

Sincerely,

R. Keith Christopher
Director
Office of Enforcement and
   Investigation

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