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Reply to Notice of Violation

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During the October 9-11, 2001 NRC inspection of our facility, one violation was identified. According to Section 4.7 of the Physical Security Plan, all alarm functions should be tested on a semiannual basis. However, no semiannual testing of all alarm functions had been completed since installation of the system. The violation resulted from the belief that the alarm shop tested the alarms on a regular basis and that daily operation also exercised the system where indications of failures would be noted. However, this was not the case. To remedy this situation, a meeting with the alarm shop personnel was held. After a discussion with the personnel involved, it was determined that a specific functional test for the alarms in the Nuclear Engineering Laboratory would be performed on a quarterly basis. The system was tested on November 20, 2001 and found to be fully functional. The next functional test will be performed in mid-January with others to follow on a quarterly basis. This schedule will meet the requirements of Section 4.7 of the Security Plan so such a violation should not occur again.

Based on the above actions, it is expected that the University of New Mexico is in full compliance with the requirements as November 29, 2001.

Sincerely,

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cc: Craig Bassett, Inspector, US NRC, Region II

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