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Dale M. Dreyfuss
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University of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Health & Safety
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SUBJECT: INSPECTION 03010576/2005001, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Dear Mr. Dreyfuss:

On March 23 thru April 7, 2005, Mr. Steven Courtemanche of this office conducted a special safety inspection of activities authorized by the NRC license listed above. The inspection was limited to a review of the circumstances surrounding the discovery of four vials, marked as containing licensed radioactive material, at a private residence near the University and to a review of the special nuclear materials possessed by the University and tracked by NRC's Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguard System. On October 4-6, 2005, Mr. Thomas Thompson and Mr. Dennis Lawyer of this office conducted a full inspection of your NRC licensed program. The preliminary findings of the March 23 thru April 7 inspection were discussed with your Radiation Safety Officer, Martin Graham, Ph.D., on April 7, 2005. The findings of the October 4-6 inspection were discussed with Dr. Graham and Mr. Frank Labato at the conclusion of the inspection on October 6, 2005.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified. The discovery of four vials labeled as containing licensed radioactive material, at a private residence near the University once occupied by a former University employee, was examined as a possible loss of control of licensed material; however, NRC decided that a loss of control violation would not be cited because the statute of limitations had passed (the vials dated from the 1970s) and the manufacturer of the vials could not determine if the vials ever belonged to the University of Connecticut. In addition, a review of your current program for ordering, receipt, inventory and disposal of licensed material was found to be effective.

Current NRC regulations and the Enforcement Policy are available at the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/mat-toolkits.html> and <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/enforcement> or by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-888-293-6498. The GPO is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

D. Dreyfuss
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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by James P. Dwyer

James P. Dwyer, Chief
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cc:
Martin C. Graham, Ph.D., Radiation Safety Officer
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