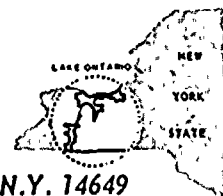




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October 16, 1981

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King of Prussia, PA 19406

Attention: Eldon Brunner, Chief Projects  
Branch #1, Division of Resident and Project Inspection

Dear Mr. Brunner:

This letter is in response to Appendix A of the inspection report for Inspection 81-06 received on September 25, 1981.

NRC Finding:

Contrary to procedure PC-18.1, the mercuric thiocyanate reagent used for chloride analysis had not been prepared within four weeks of the inspection.

The mercuric thiocyanate reagent is normally prepared by the secondary lab personnel since their usage requirements are much greater than in the primary lab. The reagent in question was reportedly transferred from the secondary lab, where the reagent was current, on the day previous to the inspection. No proof is available for this since the expiration date on the autopipettor had not been changed.

To preclude reoccurrence, the reagent bottle in the primary lab is being removed. The autopipettor in the secondary lab will be utilized for primary as well as secondary analysis. Also, the amount of reagent which is prepared is sized small enough so it will be used within a four week period. This has always been the case which supports what was stated above.

A directive has been placed in the Health Physics/Chemistry Day Order Book informing the technicians of this change.

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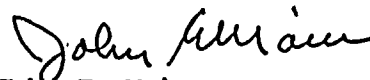


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A review of all of the chloride analysis results prior to, during  
and after the period in question indicate no unusual analytical results.

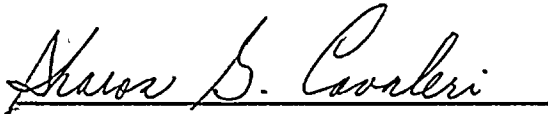
Sincerely,



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JM/ph

Subscribed and sworn to me  
on this 16th day of October 1981.



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