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REPLY TO
THE ATTENTION OF

24 August 1993

Risk Management Office

Commander

License No. R-65
Docket No. 50-47

Mr. Alexander Adams
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and Environmental Project Directorate
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Dear Mr. Adams,

In response to concerns about Building 97, voiced in a 10 August 1993 conversation between Peter Cornetta and yourself, the following information is provided.

Amendment No. 9 for Facility License R-65 was issued in response to an amendment request dated January 13, 1971. This amendment requested authorization to possess, but not operate, the nuclear reactor and was part of the Deactivation Report of the Army Materials Research Reactor dated December 8, 1970. This report includes specifications for the facility in a deactivated condition.

Amendment No. 9 authorized the facility to be possessed in conformity with this application (Deactivation Report), indicating that the liquid waste system in Building 97 be transferred to Byproduct material license Number 20-01010-04. The system was disconnected from the containment shell and the 40,000 gallon retention tank between Building 97 and the reactor shell was drained and flushed clean to the Metropolitan District Commission sanitary sewer. The reactor plant area was defined to include only the reactor containment shell. Subsequently, Building 97 was included in the Byproduct Material License.

A copy of the 2 April 1973 application for renewal of Byproduct Material License Number 20-01010-04 is enclosed along with the NRC letter dated April 3, 1971, the Deactivation Report and Amendment 9 to Facility License R-65. Any further questions concerning this matter should be addressed to Peter Cornetta, (617) 923-5225.

Sincerely,

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