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Region I  
631 Park Avenue  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Docket Nos. 50-317  
50-318  
License Nos. DPR-53  
DPR-69

ATTENTION: Mr. Thomas E. Murley, Regional Administrator

Gentlemen:

This refers to Inspection Report 50-317/83-28, 50-318/83-28; which transmitted an item of apparent noncompliance with NRC requirements. Enclosure (1) to this letter is a written statement in reply to the item noted in your letter of November 30, 1983.

Should you have further question regarding this reply, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE (1)

**REPLY TO APPENDIX A OF NRC INSPECTION  
REPORT 50-317/83-28; 50-318/83-28**

We have reviewed the incident involving shipments of licensed materials to the U.S. Ecology, Incorporated, burial site at Richland, Washington, on July 18, 1983. As a result of our investigation we have confirmed that a violation of 10 CFR 71.5 did occur on the date mentioned in the Inspection Report. In response to this violation, we have initiated corrective actions to ensure that similar violations will not recur.

1. Radiation Safety Procedures that govern the packaging, labeling, and shipment of radioactive wastes have been revised to ensure compliance with applicable Department of Transportation and NRC regulations.
2. Personnel involved in the radioactive wastes handling and shipping have been reinstructed in the appropriate regulations and procedure changes.

Full compliance was achieved on September 1, 1983.