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License No. 52-17902-01
EA 92-239

Caribbean Soil Testing Company, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. Alfonso Vazquez Castillo
President
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 52-17902-01/92-01

This refers to the inspection conducted by L. Franklin of this office on November 18 and December 3, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Hato Rey, Puerto Rico facility. The findings were discussed with you on November 18, 1992, at the conclusion of the inspection and in a telephone call on December 9, 1992.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license with respect to radiation safety and compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license. It included selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and direct observations by the inspector.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appeared to violate NRC requirements. The apparent violations described in the enclosed Inspection Report are under consideration for escalated enforcement action. Accordingly, a Notice of Violation is not being issued at this time and a response to this letter is not required. However, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed Inspection Report may change as a result of further NRC review. An Enforcement Conference to discuss these issues has been scheduled for December 22, 1992, at 1:00 p.m. at the Sands Hotel, 187 Isla Verde Road, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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