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Dear Mr. Thompson:

The Radiation Control Branch and the Commissioner for Public Health, have reviewed the final report issued by the Management Review Board (MRB) resulting from the evaluation of our program under the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP).

An evaluation has been performed on the recommendations as requested. Our response to the recommendations are as follows:

1. Consideration has been given to adopting statutory authority for civil penalties. Work will begin on preparation of proposed legislation later this year.
2. The policy of annual supervisory accompaniments will continue. Two have already been scheduled to be completed by the end of the month. The remaining accompaniment will be conducted by October 1996. This will complete all accompaniments for 1996. Annual accompaniments were conducted for 1995 but were not performed in 1994 due to workload.
3. We are now determining the specific isotope involved in all incidents and will continue to do so in the future.
4. The review for one device has been initiated and will be completed as soon as possible. Thereafter, a review should be performed at the rate of one per month until all required reviews have been performed. We anticipate all reviews to be completed by August 30, 1997.

We would like to thank members of the IMPEP review team for the professional manner in which the review was conducted. The recommendations are valuable to us in our efforts to protect health and safety.

Sincerely,

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