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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 96001

Dear Dr. Webster:

This refers to the inspection conducted from September 10 to 13, 1996, at the St. Louis, Missouri campus with continued review of licensed activity through October 7, 1996. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and members of your staff at an onsite exit meeting on September 13, 1996, and after further review of the incident report your staff submitted on September 21, 1996, additional findings were discussed with Mark Haenchen, Radiation Safety Officer on October 7, 1996.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, independent measurements and observation of activities in progress. Of special interest was the inspectors' assessment of your activities associated with the identification of a contamination incident.

During this inspection, certain of your activities were found to be in violation of NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Notice. With respect to the violation the inspection showed that action had been taken to correct the identified violation and to prevent recurrence. Specifically, the NRC reviewed the incident report prepared and forwarded to the Region III office on September 21, 1996. Consequently, no reply to the violation or additional information is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practices," a copy of this letter and the Notice will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by R.Caniano for

Cynthia Pederson, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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