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October 31, 1996

Mr. H. Ralph Snodgrass  
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Columbus, OH 43212

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION DATED OCTOBER 2, 1996

Dear Mr. Snodgrass:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated October 10, 1996, in response to our letter dated October 2, 1996 transmitting a Notice of Violation. Your response indicates that you have had your liquid scintillation counter repaired and are now analyzing wipe tests in accordance with the procedures stated in your license application dated September 11, 1995.

We have reviewed your corrective actions, which appear to be adequate, and have no further questions at this time. These corrective actions will be examined during a future inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Roy J. Caniano

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director  
Division of Nuclear Material Safety

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Subject: REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in response to a violation identified during an NRC inspection on August 8, 1996, with continued NRC review through September 17, 1996. Specifically, an attachment in our license (No. 34-26678-01) entitled Radiation Surveys states that "Because of the activities of the radionuclides, area wipes will be made monthly. These wipes will be counted in the Beckman liquid scintillation counter."

In anticipation of NRC license approval, we had a Beckman field service engineer inspect, calibrate, and certify our Beckman liquid scintillation counter. At some point after our NRC license was approved, we discovered a problem with the monitor on the instrument. As a result, we were unable to perform area wipes. Daily and/or weekly radionuclide ( $^{32}\text{P}$ ) monitoring was performed with a Ludlum survey meter until the instrument could be repaired.

The problem with the monitor was rectified on August 21, 1996 and monthly wipe tests were performed and documented in August and September. No radioactivity above background was detected for all wipe tests performed.

Should there be a similar occurrence in the future, we will ensure that (1) corrective actions will be prompt and (2) the NRC be notified immediately. Darrel G. Wiedeman, Senior Health Physicist, U.S. N.R.C. Region III, suggested that wipe tests to detect  $^{32}\text{P}$  contamination can be temporarily analyzed using a Ludlum survey meter and results recorded.

Sincerely,

H. Ralph Snodgrass  
Vice President, Research

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