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December 9, 1996

Mr. Ron S. Ziegler
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 40-8902/96-01

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

On October 3, 1996, the NRC completed an onsite inspection at the site of your former Bluewater Mill facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. Radiological survey and soil sampling was conducted during the inspection by NRC inspectors and representatives of the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. Mr. Robert Evans of my staff discussed the results of the soil sample analysis with you on November 14, 1996, during a meeting at the NRC's headquarters office in Rockville, Maryland.

The inspection disclosed that decommissioning activities at the site have been conducted in accordance with NRC regulations and the conditions of the license. No violations or deviations were identified.

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

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact Mr. Robert Evans at (817) 860-8234 or Mr. Charles L. Cain at (817) 860-8186.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Cain

For Ross A. Scarano, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure:
NRC Inspection Report
40-8902/96-01

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