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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 030-06740/96001(DNMS)

Dear Mr. Meiland:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. Wayne Slawinski and Robert Gattone of this office on November 21-22, 1996, and December 5, 1996. The inspection included a review of events regarding a missing nuclear gauge housing a sealed source containing approximately 300 millicuries (11,100 MBq) of americium-241 that was reported to this office on November 20, 1996. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and members of your staff.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the enclosed report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to identify the events and causal factors associated with the missing sealed source and determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). A written response is required.

Additionally, we are continuing our review of four apparent violations that were identified during this inspection. The apparent violations are: (1) unauthorized removal of the nuclear gauge by technically unqualified personnel (repeat); (2) failure to secure from unauthorized removal or access a nuclear gauge in storage; (3) unauthorized disposal of licensed material; and (4) failure to immediately notify the NRC of missing radioactive material in excess of one thousand times the quantity in Appendix C to 10 CFR 20. Accordingly, we are withholding the issuance of our enforcement proposal regarding the apparent violations until we have completed our review.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Roy J. Caniano

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

License No. 48-06453-01
Docket No. 030-06740

Enclosures: 1. Inspection Report
No. 030-06740/96001(DNMS)
2. Notice of Violation

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