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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to the Notice of Violation that resulted from the NRC inspection conducted on August 18, 1996 at this facility, NRC license No. 48-25969-01. The Notice of Violation was initially addressed improperly, and not received here until November, 1996. I trust this letter satisfies the "30 day" response requirement.

We do not dispute the findings listed in the notice of Violation. The violations were due to failure to diligently observe the semiannual sealed source leak test requirement and failure to use a suitable certified source of calibration of the leak test well counter sensitivity. From henceforth, sealed source wipe tests will faithfully be performed at six month intervals. These dates are on a Schedule Calender of our physics consulting service, Nuclear Consulting and Services. All such tests will be performed with a well counter whose sensitivity has been calibrated with a certified check source that emits photons with a similar energy spectrum. Indeed, the latest wipe test performed on our Cs-137 sealed source used a well counter calibrated with a certified Cs-137 source. Full compliance has been achieved as of September, 1996 and no further, similar violations will occur.

Please let me know if further clarifications are required.

Yours sincerely,

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