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Mr. George Serrano  
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SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 030-08562/96-001

Dear Mr. Serrano:

This letter refers to your December 31, 1996 correspondence, in response to our December 19, 1996 letter.

In your letter, you contest the issuance of the Severity Level IV violation regarding the security issue of your sealed sources. You state that licensed material is stored in a locked safe, in a controlled area, during non-standard working hours and is unlocked for normal business hours to allow personnel access to the licensed material in order to perform their assigned functions. You further state that licensed material is under constant surveillance by Canberra employees during normal activities to preclude the unauthorized removal of licensed material.

Contrary to the above stated practice of leaving the safe (or other storage location) open during business hours, Item 6, page 7 of your letter of January 6, 1993, requires that sealed sources be stored in locked cabinets under the responsibility of an Authorized User. The letter further states that Canberra personnel must request the sealed sources from the Authorized User. During the inspection, the inspector determined that Sealed Source Custodians, working under the direction of the Authorized Users, maintained the storage areas where licensed material was located and were responsible for providing the licensed material to Canberra personnel. The Sealed Source Custodians indicated to the inspector that the storage areas were kept locked unless someone wanted to use a source. All of the licensed material storage areas were locked at the time of the inspection during business hours. Item 10, page 6 of your application dated March 8, 1990, states that personnel who use licensed material are provided personnel monitoring devices. This implies that there are Canberra personnel who are not authorized to use licensed material, which was confirmed by the inspector during the inspection, thus leaving the storage areas open during business hours giving unauthorized individuals access to licensed material in violation of 10 CFR 20.1802. Security violations are normally assessed as Severity Level III violations, however, based on your identification of the problem, your documented corrective and preventive actions, the nature of the licensed material material, the short duration of the event, and no further occurrence of this type of incident, the violation was down-graded to Severity Level IV.

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The violation in our December 16, 1996 letter stands as described.

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter. These actions will be examined during a future inspection of your licensed program.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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*Jenny M. Johansen*

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