

January 23, 1997

Dr. William Duggan
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Manhattan College Corporation
Manhattan College Zero Power Reactor
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Riverdale, NY 10471

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-199/96-01

Dear Dr. Duggan:

On December 12, 1996, the NRC completed a one week safety inspection at the Manhattan College Zero Power Reactor. The enclosed report represents the results of that inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violations (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the subject inspection report.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Your response should be clearly marked as a "Response to Apparent Violations in Inspection Report No. 50-199/96-01" and should include for each apparent violation: (1) the reason for the apparent violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the apparent violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate response is not received within the time specified or an extension of time has not been granted by the NRC, the NRC will proceed with its enforcement decision or schedule a predecisional enforcement conference.

In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John R. White, Chief
Radiation Safety Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-199
License No. R-94

Enclosures: Notice of Violation
NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-199/96-01

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