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Donald Chabot, Project Manager
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SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 070-00139/96-002

Dear Mr. Chabot:

On July 30 and 31, 1996, Mark Roberts of this office conducted a safety inspection at the Engelhard Corporation facility in Plainville, Massachusetts. Activities with licensed material were previously authorized by the NRC license listed below. The inspection was limited to a review of decommissioning activities in progress at the facility. A copy of the NRC inspection report is enclosed. In addition, our inspection examined the activities covered in your correspondence dated August 5, 1996, which transmitted your contractor's results of gamma spectrometry analysis of selected soil samples. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you and your consultants Robert Berlin, Steve Graham and James Mayberry, at the conclusion of the inspection.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified. However, we would like to receive information concerning the resolution of the discrepancy relating to the discovery of two different calibration dates for radiation survey instrument # 86308 that is discussed in the inspection report.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosed report and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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