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SUBJECT: INSPECTION NOS. 030-33106/97-001 and 030-32953/97-001

Dear Mr. Sabo:

On January 16, 1997, Penny Lanzisera of this office, accompanied by Agostino Savastano of the Massachusetts Radiation Control Program, conducted a safety inspection at the North Attleboro, Massachusetts facility of activities authorized by the NRC licenses listed below. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. In addition, our inspection examined the activities covered in your correspondence to the Massachusetts Radiation Control Program concerning a contaminated package delivered to a client on December 10, 1996. The findings of the inspection were discussed with Richard Hughes, Radiation Safety Officer, and William Ciambone, Assistant Facility Manager, at the conclusion of the inspection.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified.

During the inspection, the Radiation Safety Officer and the Assistant Facility Manager described upgraded procedures developed and placed into use in response to the contamination found on a package delivered to a customer. In particular, they stated that fewer packages received back from clients will be swiped for contamination at one time, that a larger area of each returned package will be swiped, and more careful radiation level surveys of all incoming and outgoing packages will be conducted. We agree that these corrective actions are appropriate and encourage you to implement and maintain the improved procedures.

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 will be placed in the Public Document Room. No reply to this letter is required.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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