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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

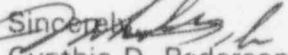
Dear Mr. Bezzelli:

This refers to the inspection conducted on October 16-17, 1996 at your Midland, Mi. facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, independent measurements and observation of activities in progress.

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 Violation (Notice). A written response is required. Violation 1 is a repeat item. In response to this violation, please describe why your proposed corrective action is expected to be more successful in preventing future or similar violations than the corrective action specified in your letter dated February 6, 1995.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.


Sincerely,
Cynthia D. Pederson, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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