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Department of the Air Force
USAF Radioisotope Committee
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORTS 030-28641/96-17 AND NOTICE
OF VIOLATION

Dear Lt. Colonel Donnelly:

Thank you for your letter of January 31, 1997, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation dated January 2, 1997. We have reviewed your reply and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Violation.

Your letter noted that following the NRC inspection, the Altus Air Force Base Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) again contacted the contractor who transported the tail section elevator containing depleted uranium. In the RSO's reply dated January 24, 1997, he indicated that an "offer" was extended to the contractor to perform radiological surveys of the vehicle used to transport the load. Though it is unlikely that contamination would be identified at this time, it is the NRC's expectation that each licensee will complete surveys necessary to evaluate the potential spread of contamination in a timely manner. The United States Air Force Radioisotope Committee is encouraged to make these expectations clear to the Altus Air Force Base RSO.

We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Howell, Chief
Nuclear Materials Inspection and
Fuel Cycle/Decommissioning Branch

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