

November 8, 1996

Mr. Oliver Crump, Vice President
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110 Irving Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20010-2975

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 030-01325/96-001

Dear Mr. Crump:

This refers to the inspection conducted September 17 thru 26, 1996 at the above referenced address. 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 you and members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, three apparent violations were identified. The apparent violations are associated with the loss of control of radioactive material; the failure to perform an adequate survey in an attempt to recover the missing material; and failure to notify the NRC of the loss. Other potential problems associated with your continuing failure to measure employee thyroid burdens (bioassay) and provide the required training in this area will remain unresolved. The circumstances surrounding and leading to the repeated failure to perform the required bioassays are still under NRC review. However, due to the unresolved issues associated with the causes of repeated failures to perform bioassays, no Notice of Violation is being issued at this time. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description in the enclosed report does not accurately reflect the findings relative to your program as discussed during the exit interviews. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you may respond as appropriate.

Upon completion of NRC staff review of the unresolved issues identified in the enclosed inspection report, you will be notified of any future NRC actions, as appropriate, in a future correspondence.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Charles W. Hehl

Charles W. Hehl, Director
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