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Docket Nos. 030-29300
040-08917

License Nos. 20-12836-01
SUB-1485

William McDaniel, Site Manager
Amersham Corporation
40 North Avenue
Burlington, MA 01803

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NOS. 030-29300/97-001 and 040-08917/97-001

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

On January 14 and 15, 1997, Penny Lanzisera of this office, accompanied by Mike Whalen of the Massachusetts Radiation Control Program, conducted a safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC licenses. 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. This also refers to the telephone conversation on January 28, 1997, between Penny Lanzisera and Lori Podolak, your Radiation Safety Officer. The results of the inspection were discussed with Mr. Guy Hawking, the Managing Director, and various members of your staff, at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy), NUREG 1600. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

John D. Kinneman, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch 2
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure:
Notice of Violation

cc w/enclosure:
Lori Podolak, Radiation Safety Officer
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