

November 27, 1996

Raymond A. Shepard
Director
DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company
331 Treble Cove Road
North Billerica, Ma 01862

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 030-32013/96-002

Dear Mr. Shepard:

On August 27, 1996, C. Thor Oberg and I conducted a special inspection at North Billerica, Massachusetts, of activities authorized by the NRC license listed below. The inspection was limited to a review of an exposure to an individual's dosimetry badge in excess of the NRC annual limit, and the status of the licensee's investigation of the event. A copy of the NRC inspection report is enclosed. In addition, our inspection examined the activities covered in your correspondence dated September 13 and October 11, 1996. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you and others of your staff, at the conclusion of the inspection.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified. We have concluded that you took appropriate action in the review and investigation of the exposure, assignment of the dose, and implementation of your corrective action.

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

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

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Inspection Report No. 030-32013/96-002

cc w/enclosure:
Dennis Dumas, Radiation Safety Officer
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Mr. Raymond A. Shepard
Director, Billerica site

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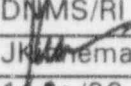
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