

CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER

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Ferris State College
ATTN: Mr. Don Priebe
Vice President
Academic Affairs
219 Johnson Hall
Big Rapids, MI 49307

License No. 21-15237-01

Gentlemen:

This refers to the telephone conversation between you and W. L. Axelson of my staff on March 18, 1986, concerning an apparent internal exposure to a member of your staff and extensive radioactive contamination found in Room PHR 23.

It is our understanding that (1) J. Pearson, Ph.D., will be restricted from further use of radioactive material until the NRC concludes its inspection, and determines if he is qualified to use radioactive material; (2) Room PHR 23 will be expeditiously decontaminated to the limits required in your license (100 counts per minute above background); and (3) access to Room PHR 23 is prohibited for all members of the public, your staff and your students, except the Radiation Safety Officer and qualified decontamination personnel until it is decontaminated.

Messrs. D. G. Wiedeman and G. L. Shear of my staff will be at your facility on March 24, 1986 to further review this matter. We understand that Dr. Pearson will be available for an interview on March 24, 1986.

If our understanding of your planned actions describe above is not correct, please contact Mr. W. L. Axelson, Chief, Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards Branch at (312) 790-5612.

Sincerely

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Regional Administrator

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