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J. Edwards, Vice President  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 70-734/97-03

Dear Mr. Edwards :

An NRC inspection was conducted May 19-23, 1997, at your General Atomics facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the inspection, your conduct of activities at the Torrey Pines Mesa and Sorrento Valley facilities was generally characterized by implementation of effective programs in the areas of operations, radiation protection, radiological effluents, environmental protection, transportation, and solid radioactive waste management and storage as they relate to your possession-only license and ongoing decommissioning activities.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Ross A. Scarano, Director  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure:  
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