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Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Cecil O. Thomas, Chief
Standardization & Special
Projects Branch

SUBJECT: Revision #21 to Standard Operating
Procedures Manual No. 28 and 29.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In the revision mailed to you March 24, 1986, page SOP/VIII-27 was inadvertently printed without initials in the "App'd" line. Please remove that page and insert the page that is attached to this letter.

I apologize for the inconvenience.

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 3. After adjustments are made and vacuum restored, return reactor to normal operations, and perform a Beamport F radiation survey.
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 3. After loosening the packing nut, pull the center tube back slowly; when it is within one to two feet of being fully withdrawn, attempt to gently close the ball valve (be careful not to score the valve or the center tube).
 4. When the ball valve closes, stop withdrawing the center tube; close the surge tank line valve, then open the vent and drain valves.

5. Completely remove the center tube, pull the plastic tube over the end and tape.
6. Transfer the center tube to a beamport storage hole, log the change in the storage book, and survey around the storage hole.

Cautions:

- Insure center tube is not left fully inserted; allow at least 1/4 inch for thermal expansion.
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- To limit handling of a very radioactive filter tube, pull the tube back four feet and let it decay for > 2 days before withdrawing it. Have Health Physics coverage.
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