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Docket No. 50-326

University of California
Irvine, California 92717

Attention: Professor W. J. Lillyman
Vice Chancellor

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION, TRIGA REACTOR

This letter refers to the routine inspection conducted by Mr. M. Cillis of this office on January 27-29, 1988, of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-116 and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Cillis with Professor M. Caverias and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that some of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A.

Your response to this Notice is to be submitted in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201 as stated in Appendix A, Notice of Violation.

In view of these violations and other inspection findings, we are concerned that you are not providing an adequate level of management attention to facility operations. Accordingly, we request that in addition to responding to the Notice of Violation, your reply should also address actions taken or planned to improve management oversight to assure continued safe operation and compliance with regulatory requirements. It is our intention to conduct an early re-inspection of the Irvine reactor facility to determine the effectiveness of your actions.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed

Ross A. Scarano, Director
Division of Radiation Safety and
Safeguards

Enclosures:

- A. Notice of Violation, Appendix A
- B. Inspection Report No. 50-326/88-02

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