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SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 030-14981/97-001

Dear Dr. Kmetz:

This letter refers to your June 10, 1997 correspondence, in response to our April 29, 1997 letter.

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter. These actions will be examined during a future inspection of your licensed program.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

John D. Kinneman, Chief
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Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Docket No. 030-14981
License No. 29-17018-02

cc:
Dr. T. Felder Dorn, Radiation Safety Officer
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SUBJECT: Response to Notice of Violation - License # 29-17018-02

Dear Sir:

On April 17, 1997 Richard Gibson of the Region 1 Office conducted a safety survey of our site with regard to the above reference license and identified no apparent safety violations. Subsequently, it was determined that we were in apparent violation of NRC regulations regarding the decommissioning of a RAMCO-50-RNL Cesium 137 sealed source.

The above referenced license covers the sealed source. The license was amended in February 1994 with the authorized use being "for storage in a Radiation Machinery Corporation Model Gammator 50 Irradiator". The license expires on July 31, 1999.

At the time the license was renewed, I surveyed possible users and all agreed they had no use for the irradiator. Thus, the decision to have the license changed for storage only. The intent was to decommission the equipment but, no movement occurred in that direction. However, the irradiator has not been used, is being safely stored behind two locked doors, and is regularly tested for leaks - all in compliance with the license.

In order to correct the violation, I will contact J. L. Shepherd & Associates to decommission the irradiator. It is my hope that this can be accomplished by the end of 1997. I will keep you apprised of all communications with J. L. Shepherd & Associates.

Sincerely,

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