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Ms. Pamela J. Henderson
US NRC Region I
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

RE: INSPECTION OF LICENSE NO. 29-00139-02

Dear Ms. Henderson:

As a result of your inspection of our licensed activities conducted May 8, 9, and 10, 2001, by the Commission, E.R. Squibb & Sons was cited for:

"Contrary to (the license application), contamination surveys were not always performed following use of unsealed materials. Specifically, contamination wipe surveys following the use of unsealed H³ and C¹⁴ in several laboratories were not performed."

In response to this citation, the following corrective actions have been implemented:

- An email was sent out immediately to senior management in R&D informing them of this citation and reminding them of the requirement to perform contamination surveys when licensed material is used.
- The Radiation Safety Committee requested that Health Physics ensure that the laboratory staff are complying with the survey requirements during the routine laboratory audits. Health Physics will verify this through interviews with laboratory staff and/or by posting of the results of these in-lab surveys.
- All subsequent principle radioactive material users will be required to acknowledge their acceptance of the responsibility to ensure in-lab surveys are completed when radioactive material is used.
- The performance of surveys and the accountability of radioactive material will be emphasized at all radioactive material orientation and refresher training sessions.

We trust these corrective actions are acceptable to resolve the issues raised by the inspection. In addition, we have included a copy of our 2001 Sustainability Progress Report for your review. This report outlines our company's environmental, social, and economic performance. If you wish to discuss these items further, please contact Michael Vala at (732) 519-2987.

Sincerely,

Susan Voigt
Chair, Radiation Safety Committee
Senior Director, WMG EHS

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Enclosure

cc: T. Primm
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