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SUBJECT: NRC SPECIAL SPENT FUEL SHIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT

NO. 50-157/2003-201

Dear Mr. Aderhold:

This letter refers to the inspection conducted on November 10 - 14, 2003, at your Ward Laboratory research reactor facility. The purpose of the inspection was to verify the implementation of interim safeguards and security compensatory measures (ICM) for the Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel Greater Than 100 Grams. This inspection included a review of a spent fuel shipment in progress at the time of the inspection.

The enclosed report presents the results of the inspection. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress. Based on the results of this inspection, the ICM tasks were found to be satisfactorily completed.

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