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Reply to a Notice of Violation

October 5, 2006

Re: Docket No 03035413 12006001
License No 37-30579-01

U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Cindy Carpenter
11555 Rockville Pike
MS SO 14E1
Rockville MD 20852

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Dear Madam:

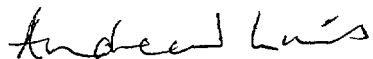
This is in reply to your notice of violation dated September 7, 2006, which we received on September 19, 2006. That notice described an alleged violation of 10CFR20.1501(b), which, as set forth in the notice, "requires that licensees ensure that instruments and equipment used for quantitative radiation measurements are calibrated periodically for the radiation measured." The notice further stated that the violation related to measurement of wipe test samples taken from a Carbon-14 Beta-plate.

Since the inspection by phone on August 30, 2006, with Mr Courtemanche, of the NRC Region 1 office, we have contacted Suntrac Services Inc, League City TX, to perform wipe test analyses for our Carbon-14 Beta-plate in compliance with NRC measurement standards. The test results of September 22, 2006 from Suntrac Services, which are attached, show the leakage to be < 0.0001 µC (wet). On October 4, 2006, we purchased from JRT Calibration Services Inc, Pottstown PA, a Bicon RSO-50 Ion Chamber portable radiation survey meter that has been calibrated in accord with NCR standards by JRT Calibration Services; this meter is to be delivered by October 6, 2006. Please note that we do not plan to use this meter for the Beta-plate wipe test analysis. For the record, our portable radiation meter was never used for wipe testing, but merely to determine whether any significant radiation is leaking from the drawer and box in which the Beta-plate is stored. The wipe test analysis required biannually by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for our Amersham C-14 Beta-plate will be performed hereafter by Suntrac Services or their equivalent, following NCR standards.

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We believe that the steps outlined above will bring the Philadelphia Museum of Art into compliance with 10 CFR 20.1501(b) on or before October 6, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Lins".

Andrew Lins
The Neubauer Family Chair of Conservation

c: A d'Harnoncourt
Regional Administrator, Region 1, NRC