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Department of the Army  
Attention: General Robert Bernstein  
Commander  
Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
Washington, DC 20012

License Nos. 08-01738-02  
08-01738-03  
08-01738-04  
08-01738-05  
Inspection No. 76-01

Reference: Your letter dated February 23, 1976  
In response to our letter dated February 3, 1976

Gentlemen:

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions you documented in response to our correspondence. These actions will be examined during a subsequent inspection of your licensed program.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Nelson, Chief  
Fuel Facility and Materials  
Safety Branch

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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23 FEB 1976

SUBJECT: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspection 76-01

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I  
ATTN: Chief, Fuel Facility and Materials  
Safety Branch  
631 Park Avenue  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201, Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, the following is in reply to your Commission's inspection (No 76-01) of this facility on January 14 - 16, 1976.

a. Individuals were working in a Biological "Hot" Suite with 5 mCi of Phosphorus 32. Work with the isotope by procedure was performed through a glove box and due to the short time of exposure, it was determined that monitoring of the hands was not required. The hands of the above individuals are now being monitored. There is a continual evaluation of exposure of individuals to radiation in restricted areas which includes: personnel dosimetry, survey and monitoring of work areas, monthly review and evaluation of exposure reports and bioassays as required.

b. Failure to make required assays was due to equipment failure which had been replaced by new equipment at the time of inspection. The original equipment has been repaired and will be used as a backup system which should preclude the reoccurrence of this infraction.

c. Required documents or notices were posted at the cited location immediately after the departure of the inspector. Continual evaluation is being made to assure that this information is readily available to all radiation workers.

2. Walter Reed Army Medical Center is in full compliance with all Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licenses held by this Command.

*Robert Bernstein*  
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Major General, MC  
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