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INSPECTOR'S EVALUATION
NUCLEAR METALS, INC.
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS
SNM-65
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This inspection was of the activities involved in the manufacture of CP-5 fuel tubes for Argonne National Laboratory. According to the licensee they will make their final delivery under their current contract on November 30, 1973. They will then clean up and decontaminate the equipment and building. Argonne will have enough of the CP-5 fuel tubes to last about five years.

Nuclear Metals has bid on the manufacture of a tubular fuel elements for the Japanese. A quote was made in the first part of June 1973. The Japanese will take 6 months to review the proposal. Nuclear Metals will learn if they got the job during first of January 1974. The British are also bidding. The licensee did not appear optimistic about receiving the order.

Nuclear Metals, Inc. will not ask to keep License No. SNM-65 if they do not receive the Japanese order. Of course, they would have to apply for a license to perform the Japanese job should they get the order.

Nuclear Metals, Inc. remains weak in the health physics area. They appear reluctant to start a personnel survey program involving self-monitoring before eating or leaving the plant. I made a point of being given instruments to self-survey before leaving the plant.

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