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SUBJECT: REPLY TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-03728/2009-001 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. DeBey:

Thank you for your letter dated December 16, 2009, in response to the violations identified in our letter and Notice of Violation (Notice) dated November 18, 2009. We have reviewed your letter and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

/RA/ JEWhitten for

Vivian H. Campbell, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch A

Docket: 030-03728
License: 05-01399-08

Enclosure:
Licensee letter dated December 16, 2009

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Colorado State Radiation Control Program Director

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