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DESCRIPTION Ltr adv of problem re precipitate was lost during the analysis to cause a 0% yield for the final result

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PLANT NAME: **NHM** Duane Arnold

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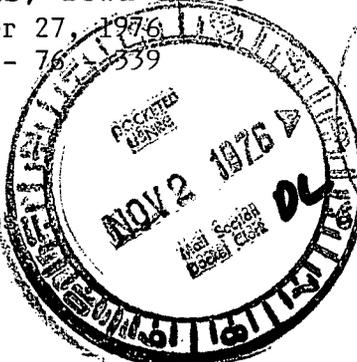
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Subject: Environmental Technical Specification
Violation 76-6

File: A-117

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Dear Mr. Rusche:

This report is submitted to you in accordance with the requirements of Appendix B to Operating License DPR-49, Specification 5.4.2.1.

Problem

DAEC is unable to determine the Sr-89 and Sr-90 release for the third quarter of 1976. This is in violation of Table 3.3-2 of the Environmental Technical Specifications.

Investigation

The results of the analysis indicated that the yield of Sr-89 and Sr-90 for the quarter was 0%. Our investigation indicates that, due to technician error, enough precipitate was "lost" during the analysis to cause a 0% yield for the final result. The "loss" of precipitate has been determined to have been caused by using a large diameter (27 cm) filter paper instead of a small diameter (<10 cm) paper which resulted in the following:

1. Precipitate was spread over a large area which allowed some of it to be carried out of the crucible by heat currents during the ashing process.
2. Due to the large volume of paper, it did not dry completely before the ashing process was started. The moisture in the paper flashed to steam, as indicated by snapping noises, and the steam carried some precipitate out with it.

The above resulted in not enough precipitate being left to carry through the rest of the analysis.

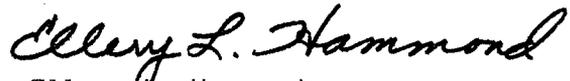
Corrective Action

Since the third quarter releases cannot be determined, DAEC shall average the release results from the second and fourth quarter of 1976 to obtain an estimated release.

The analysis procedure shall be revised to specify that a small diameter filter paper be used and to indicate for which steps extra caution should be observed to prevent recurrence of this problem.

The technician involved has been reinstructed in the importance of performing analyses with care and in accordance with established methods.

Very truly yours,



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