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August 15, 1979

Mr. A. B. Davis  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Re: STA-583; Docket

Dear Mr. Davis:

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2. In my letter of July 31, 1979, I provided a list of planned activities and enclosed a Radiological Health Safety Plan for your approval. Training procedures are included in this plan. All new hires, temporary or permanent, will receive, prior to working in any restricted area, training identical to that outlined in (1) above.

3. Full compliance with NRC regulations was achieved on July 20, 1979.

In regard to decontamination activities, I chaired a meeting between our contractor and members of your staff at the West Chicago facility on August 7, 1979. A detailed description of what tasks can be undertaken prior to your approval of the Radiological Health Safety Plan was agreed to. Adherence to

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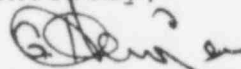
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In addition, as you know, a complete plan for the decommissioning and stabilization of the West Chicago facility was submitted August 15 to the USNRC Licensing Office in Washington. If timely approval is received, we anticipate undertaking the actions outlined in this plan promptly.

We regret the incident observed by your inspector on July 17 and assure you of our intent to follow the requirements of current regulations and the plan described above in the future.

Sincerely,



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Manager - Special Projects

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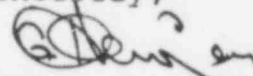
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