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Docket No. 70-1143

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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 70-1143/79-05

This refers to your letter dated September 28, 1979, in response to our letter dated September 6, 1979.

With regard to your statement concerning the "technical justification" for the stacking of subcrits as presented in your letter of July 21, 1979, as explained in our letter of September 6, 1979, License No. SNM-1120 does not authorize the stacking of subcrits, and the item as presented was properly identified as noncompliance of a deficiency category. Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter of September 28, 1979. These actions will be examined during a subsequent inspection of your licensed program.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

George H. Smith, Chief

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