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Docket No. 70-8

Battelle Columbus Laboratories  
ATTN: Dr. E. W. Ungar  
Director  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. C. C. Peck of this office on May 7-11, 1979, of activities at Battelle Columbus Laboratories authorized by NRC Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-7 and Byproduct Material License No. 34-06854-05 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. K. C. Brog and members of his staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

No items of noncompliance with NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection.

Based on discussions with your representatives during and after the exit interview, we understand that installation of new stack monitoring equipment in the Hot Cell Laboratory and safety procedures HL-A-1 will both be completed by August 1, 1979.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows. If this report contains information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, you must approve in writing to this office, within twenty days of your receipt of this letter, to withhold such information from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons for which the information is considered proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in an enclosure to the application.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

*W. L. Fisher*

for A. B. Davis, Chief  
Fuel Facility and  
Materials Safety Branch

Enclosure: IE Inspection  
Reports No. 70-008/79-03  
and No. 30-5728/79-02

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