



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
631 PARK AVENUE
KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

Docket No. 40-7983

MAY 8 1979

N. L. Industries
ATTN: Mr. D. Maxwell
Operations Manager
P. O. Box 2046
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 40-7983/79-01

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. F. Costello of this office on March 2, 1979 and March 15, 1979 of activities authorized by NRC License No. SUB-972 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Costello with Mr. D. Leigh and Mr. G. Dixon of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

In addition, the inspector made independent measurements of radiation levels and of concentrations of radionuclides in soil and sediment samples. The basic purpose of these independent measurements is to verify your capability for accurately evaluating the radiation and contamination levels surrounding your facility. Our measurements agree with your evaluations of similar samples.

Within the scope of this inspection, no items of noncompliance were observed.

From discussions at the conclusion of the inspection, it is our understanding that you plan to submit criteria for decontamination to the USNRC, License Management Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555.

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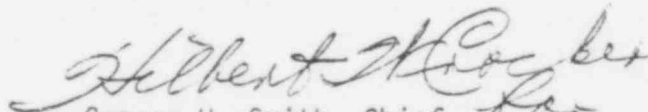
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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information, which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a statement of reasons which addresses with specificity the items which will be considered by the Commission as listed in subparagraph (b) (4) of Section 2.790. The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


George H. Smith, Chief *for*
Fuel Facility and Materials Safety
Branch

Enclosure: Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection
Report Number 40-7983/79-01

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