



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION I  
631 PARK AVENUE  
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Docket No. 40-7983

JUN 20 1979

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

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 79-02

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. Kinneman of this office on May 10, 1979, of activities authorized by NRC License No. SUB-972 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Kinneman with Mr. G. Dixon of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Costello of this office and Mr. Dixon on May 18, 1979.

The area examined during this inspection was limited to a review of your progress in decontamination prior to release of your Wilmington facility for unrestricted use. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. In addition, our inspector made contamination surveys, including soil samples which were analyzed in our Regional Office Laboratory. The basic purpose of these independent measurements is to verify your capability for analyzing removable contamination.

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

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 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,

Robert O. McClintock, Chief  
Materials Radiological Protection  
Section

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