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Docket No. 70-734

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Attention: Mr. J. N. Wellhouser, Director  
Nuclear Material Custody and Control Division

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. B. Broci and A. Wieder of this office on July 31 - August 3, 1979 of activities authorized under NRC License No. SNM 696. It also refers to the discussion of our inspection findings held with Mr. K. Duffy and others at the conclusion of the inspection.

The areas examined during the inspection included your program for controlling and accounting for special nuclear material pursuant to applicable provisions of Part 70, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, and specific requirements of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and records, interviews with personnel and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of the inspection, it appears that one of your activities deviated from a generally accepted industry practice as set forth in the Notice of Deviation enclosed herewith as Appendix A. Please reply within 20 days of your receipt of this notice and include your comments concerning this item, a description of any steps that have been or will be taken to prevent recurrence, and the date all corrective actions or preventative measures were or will be completed.

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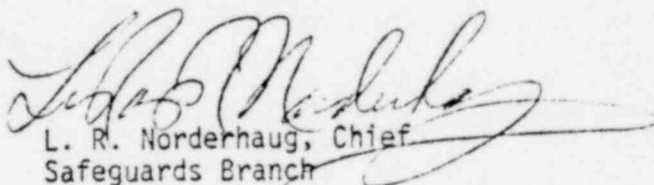
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In accordance with Section 2.790(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, documentation of findings of your control and accounting procedures for safeguarding special nuclear materials are exempt from disclosure; therefore, Appendix A to this letter, the inspection report, and your answer to the item listed in Appendix A will not be placed in the Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely

  
L. R. Norderhaug, Chief  
Safeguards Branch

Enclosure:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Deviation
2. IE Inspection Report  
No. 70-734/79-08 (IE-V-324)

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