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License No. 22-00218-29
License No. 22-00187-46
License No. 22-00187-48MD
License No. 22-00187-49

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. C. T. Oberg and Ms. N. A. Nicholson of this office on April 30 to May 2 and May 5 to May 9, 1980, of activities at the University of Minnesota authorized by NRC License No's. 22-00218-29, 22-00187-48MD, 22-00187-46 and 22-00187-49 and to the discussion of our findings with Dr. D. Barber, Dr. B. Crabo and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. This was a routine inspection of your activities licensed by NRC License No's. 22-00187-46 and 22-00187-49. This was also a special inspection to follow-up on previous inspection findings for activities conducted under NRC License No's. 22-00218-29 and 22-00187-48MD.

This also refers to the telephone conversation between Mr. A. B. Davis of this office and Dr. D. Vesley of your staff on May 29, 1980, regarding IE Bulletin 79-19. We understand from this conversation that a reply to this bulletin will be forthcoming.

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.

During this inspection, certain of your activities under License No. 22-00218-29 and License No. 22-00187-46, appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office within twenty days of your receipt of this notice a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each item of noncompliance: (1) corrective action taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

While this inspection showed your program has made substantial improvements, it appears that one of your users remains lax in his compliance with NRC and University requirements. We note that the repeat items of noncompliance occurred in the same area where an overexposure occurred a year and a half ago. Consequently, in your reply to this letter please tell us what steps you will take to ensure compliance by this user.

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No items of noncompliance with NRC requirements were identified for License No. 22-00187-48MD and License No. 22-00187-49, during the course of this inspection.

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, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows. If the enclosures contain information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, you must apply 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.

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

Sincerely,

James G. Keppler
Director

Enclosures:
1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. IE Inspection Reports
   No. 03002194/80-01;
   No. 03000842/80-01;
   No. 03010989/80-01;
   and No. 03013175/80-01

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