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University of Virginia
ATTN: B. L. Shriver, Director
Reactor Facility
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by S. C. Ewald of this office on September 18-21, 1979, of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-66 for the University of Virginia Test Reactor facility, and to the discussion of our findings held with Dr. T. G. Williamson at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

We have examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified enforcement matters and unresolved items. The status of these items is discussed in the enclosed report.

During the inspection, it was found that certain activities under your license appear to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements. This item and references to pertinent requirements are listed in the Notice of Violation enclosed herewith as 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 20 days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including: (1) corrective steps which have been taken by you and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

During the inspection it was found that certain activities under your license appear to deviate from generally accepted industry practices and have safety significance. This item is identified in the Notice of Deviation enclosed herewith as Appendix B. Please provide us in writing within 20 days of your receipt of this letter your comments including a description of corrective actions that have been or will be taken, corrective actions which will be taken to avoid further deviations, and the date corrective actions were or will be completed.

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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 include a full statement of the reasons on the basis of which it is claimed that the information is proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in a separate part of the document. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

J. T. Sutherland

J. T. Sutherland, Chief
Fuel Facility and Materials
Safety Branch

Enclosures:
1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B, Notice of Deviation
3. Inspection Report No. 50-62/78-2