



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION I  
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OCT 18 1979

Docket No. 70-820

United Nuclear Corporation  
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Bowers  
General Manager  
UNC Recovery Systems  
Wood River Junction, Rhode Island 02894

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 70-820/79-11

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. R. E. Shepherd of this office on April 24-27, 1979 of activities authorized by NRC License No. SNM-777 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Shepherd with yourself and Mr. R. Gigliotti 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.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have been categorized into the levels as described in our correspondence to you dated December 31, 1974. 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 (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 items of noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

The enclosures to this letter contain Confidential - National Security Information pursuant to Executive Order 12035. The release of such information to other than properly authorized individuals is prohibited, therefore, the enclosures to this letter, and your response to this letter will not be placed in the Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution.

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

Sincerely,



Walter G. Martin, Chief  
Safeguards Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation (Contains Confidential NSI Information)
2. Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection  
Report Number 70-820/79-11 (Contains Confidential NSI Information)

cc w/rpt cover sheet only:

- D. F. Cronin, Manager, Nuclear and Industrial Safety
- D. M. Schultz, Manager, Compliance