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Director, Region I
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Re: SNM License #639

Dear Mr. Grier:

This is in response to your letter of April 23, 1980 concerning alleged violations found during the NRC inspection of our facility during the period February 27th-29th, 1980. Our comments on these items are below.

Item A

"Urinalyses were not performed on at least eleven employees, for the presence of Uranium-235, during 1979".

In deference to this allegation, we wish to point out that gross gamma urinalyses were performed on the eleven employees referenced in your letter who worked with Uranium during 1979. There are no license requirements to look specifically for any particular isotope including Uranium-235. Therefore, we are meeting the obligation of the June 13th, 1973 letter that you referenced stating "Urinalysis...on all personnel working with radioactive materials are made on a routine basis at least once per year."

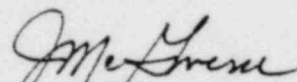
Item B

"General area air sample records were not maintained in the same units as used in 10 CFR20."

We have recently started maintaining records of in-plant alpha monitoring in terms of microcuries per milliliter of air, which is the unit required by 10 CFR20. We are presently keeping our records in these units and will continue this practice.

Should you have any further questions on these items, please contact me.

Very truly yours,


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