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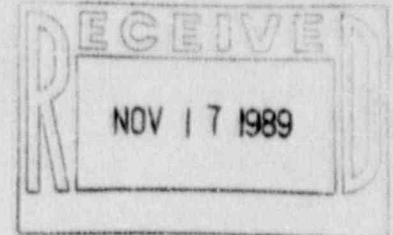
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
Attn: Mr. Anthony D. Gains, NRC Inspector
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Dear Mr. Gains:

This letter is a statement of corrective action made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201 as a result of the October 30, 1989 inspection of license number 25-15963-01.

The nickel-63 detector foils currently used by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences (DHES) are leased from Varian and Associates and as such are not on the DHES license, but on a license held by the manufacturer. Varian is required by the NRC to perform wipe-tests every 36 months, therefore the foils are due for wipe-test in March 1992.

Other actions to be initiated to improve the DHES radioactive materials program are as follows:

1. Inventory records, records of receipt and leak test records shall be maintained in a log placed at the front of the NRC license file as a backup to records which are filed chronologically. This action will make such records readily available and improve the expeditious thorough review of such records.
2. The radiation safety officer will conduct scheduled periodic personal reviews with users of radioactive materials to insure that each individual is current on all license requirements including postings, inventories and leak tests.
3. Leak test frequencies shall be placed in a tickler file to insure proper compliance.

I wish to thank you for your courteous and helpful inspection and look forward to your return to verify the DHES corrective actions.

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Please advise me if additional corrective action is required or advised.

Sincerely,

Adrian C. Howe
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Larry L. Lloyd
Administrator