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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Docket No. 50-187

OCT 14 1980

Northrop Research and Technology Center
Northrop Corporation
One Research Park
Palos Verdes Peninsula, California 90274

Attention: Walter Crandall, Chairman
Corporate Radiation Safety Committee

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection of Northrop Research Reactor

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. R. Curtis of this office on September 22-24, 1980 of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-90 and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Curtis with you, Ms. J. Adams and Messrs. Avant and Cozens at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Paragraph 2 of the enclosed report describes our findings with respect to your actions in response to IE Bulletin 79-19, "Packaging of Low Level Waste for Transport and Burial." We note that you have not completed actions described by you in your letter to us dated September 27, 1979. Because you have shipped no waste, we have not further pursued the matter at this time. Your progress toward the completion of this effort will be examined during our next inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into a level as described in our correspondence to all NRC licensees 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 violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

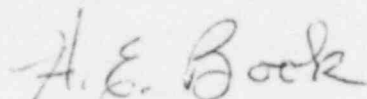
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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, within 20 days of the date of this letter, requesting that such information be withheld from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons why it is claimed that the information is proprietary. The application should be prepared so that any proprietary information identified is contained in an enclosure to the application, since the application without the enclosure will also be placed in the Public Document Room. 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 inspection, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



H. E. Book, Chief
Fuel Facility and Materials
Safety Branch

Enclosures:

- A. Notice of Violation
- B. IE Inspection Report No. 50-187/80-01