



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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REGION IV

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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

Docket No. 50-252/80-01

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The University of New Mexico
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Gentlemen:

This letter refers to the November 17-18, 1980 routine inspection conducted by Ms. C. Abigail Evans and Mrs. Joan Roberds of NRC's Region IV Office. The activities inspected were those that are authorized under NRC License No. R-102. It further refers to the discussion that they had with you concerning their findings at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection related to your program and activities designed to protect against sabotage and to safeguard special nuclear material. The inspection was based on the applicable provisions of Title 10, Part 50, of the Code of Federal Regulations, entitled, "Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," within Part 73 entitled, "Physical Protection of Plants and Materials," and the specific requirements of NRC License No. R-102. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and records, personnel interviews, and observations by the inspectors.

No items of noncompliance with NRC requirements, within the scope of this inspection, were identified.

The documentation of findings of your control and accounting procedures for safeguarding special nuclear materials and your facility's security procedures are exempt from disclosure. This exemption is covered within Title 10 CFR, Part 2, Section 2.790(d), entitled, "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings." Therefore, the inspection report will not be placed in the Public Document Room and distribution will be limited. If you have any questions concerning this report, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

James A. F. Kelly
Chief, Physical Security Branch

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