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November 15, 1989

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
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RE: NRC License No. 21-24380-01 30-18558

Dear Dr. Mallett:

The following information is provided in response to the Notice of Violation report dated October 23, 1989 from the inspection conducted on August 23-25, 1989. The numbered paragraphs below correspond to the items on the Notice of Violation.

Item 1: Failure to perform surveys at three feet and at the surface and to perform wipe tests of packages containing radioactive materials received at the Wayne Westland facility from January 5, 1988 to January 2, 1989.

Response: Surveys at the surface and at three feet and wipe tests of incoming packages containing radioactive materials commenced on January 24, 1989 and have continued to date. Availability of these records will be confirmed by our outside consultants during their quarterly health physics audits which were initiated in June, 1989. Omission of any of these entries will be documented. Compliance with this item was achieved on January 24, 1989.

Item 2: Failure to maintain records of receipt and transfer of byproduct material from May, 1987 through July 3, 1989 at the Garden City facility and from September 25, 1988 through April, 1989 at the Wayne Westland facility.

Response: Records of receipt and transfer of byproduct material resumed on July 3, 1989 at the Garden City facility and in April, 1989 at the Wayne Westland facility. These records will also be reviewed by our outside consultants on a quarterly basis and any omissions will be noted. Compliance with this issue was accomplished on July 3, 1989 at the Garden City facility and on May 1, 1989 at the Wayne Westland facility.

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Item 3: Failure to maintain records of dose calibrator constancy tests performed at the Garden City facility from May 15, 1987 through September 1, 1988.

Response: Dose calibrator constancy records have been performed and recorded at the Garden City facility since September 1, 1988. Constancy records will be examined during our health physics audits on a quarterly basis and the exclusion of any testing will be recorded. This item was in compliance as of September 1, 1988.

Item 4: Failure to conduct a leak test of the Cesium-137 calibration standard used at the Wayne Westland facility between January 13, 1987 and August 19, 1987, an interval greater than six months.

Response: The Cesium-137 calibration standard at Wayne Westland facility has been leak tested at intervals not exceeding six months since August 19, 1987. Leak testing is now performed by our outside consultants during their quarterly audits, and the leak test results are included in each health physics audit report. On this time, compliance was achieved on August 19, 1987.

Item 5: Failure to maintain records of surveys performed at the Wayne Westland facility between September, 1984 and June 5, 1989 prior to disposal of waste to assure compliance with 10 CFR 20.301.

Response: Records of surveys pertaining to waste disposal at the Wayne Westland facility have been documented since June 5, 1989. A suitable record form to satisfy the waste disposal provisions as specified in 10 CFR 35.92 was placed on file and disposal records are checked on a quarterly basis by outside consultants. Compliance with this issue was accomplished on June 5, 1989.

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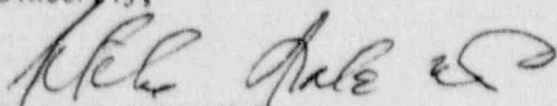
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Overall, the status of the radiation safety program at each facility has changed dramatically since the inception of consulting services in June, 1989. The report which is generated from each quarterly health physics audit is forwarded to myself and a copy is also sent to the nuclear medicine technician at the appropriate facility. My review of the quarterly audits helps to assure that byproduct materials are being utilized in accordance with NRC regulations.

Hopefully, the above information has adequately addressed the items listed in the Notice of Violation dated October 23, 1989. If any additional information is required, please feel free to contact me for comment.

Sincerely,



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