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February 2, 1981

Docket No. 70-984



Pacific Northwest Laboratories
Battelle Memorial Institute
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Attention: Dr. J. J. Fuquay, Assistant Director
for Program Support

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection of Pacific Northwest Laboratories

This refers to a routine inspection conducted by W. J. Cooley of this office on December 18, 1980 of activities authorized by NRC License No. SNM-942 and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Cooley with a member of your staff 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.

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

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.

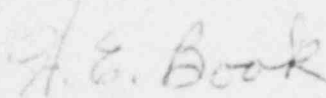
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure:
IE Inspection Report
No. 70-984/80-02

cc w/enclosure:
Mr. E. E. Oscarson