



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
631 PARK AVENUE
KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

Docket No. 30-06891
IAL File No. 81-24

22 MAY 1981

Becton-Dickinson Company
ATTN: Andrew P. Rowjohn
Plant Manager
Route 7 and Grace Way
North Canaan, Connecticut 06018

Gentlemen:

This refers to the telephone conversation between yourself and Mr. Thomas T. Martin, Acting Director, Division of Engineering and Technical Inspection, Region I on May 22, 1981 regarding your activities which are authorized by NRC License No. 37-03552-02 and to the incident which occurred at your facility on May 14, 1981.

With regard to these matters, we understand you have taken or will take the following actions:

1. Prior to resuming routine operation of the irradiator:
 - a. Perform a complete radiation and contamination survey. This will include ensuring that the shielding is adequate in the three holes drilled in the roof of your irradiator facility during the recovery operations.
 - b. Identify the cause of this incident and implement corrective actions.
 - c. Inform and receive concurrence from this office by telephone of your corrective actions.
2. Submit to this office by June 19, 1981 a written evaluation of your investigation results including any action taken by you to prevent a recurrence of this incident.
3. Retain all documentation relating to this incident, including all videotapes and photographs made during and after recovery operations, for review by the NRC.

If our understanding of your actions, as described above, is not in accordance with the actions being implemented, please contact this office by phone and in writing within 24 hours of your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Director

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