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Syncor Corporation
ATTN: Dave Schmidt, Manager
10646 Northend
Ferndale, MI 48220

License No. 21-17189-01MD

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. J. R. Mullauer, M. H. S. and S. Mulay of this office on August 23-24, 1989, and to the special safety inspection conducted by Messrs. J. R. Mullauer and R. J. Caniano of this office on October 24, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 21-17189-01MD and to the discussion of our findings with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspections.

The August 23-24, 1989, routine inspection was conducted to determine compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations as well as conditions of your NRC license. The inspection also included a review of allegations received by the NRC Region III office in a letter dated May 2, 1989.

On August 29, 1989, Region III received additional information concerning the allegations received on May 2, 1989, as well as new allegations concerning operations at the Ferndale facility. These allegations were reviewed during our October 24, 1989, special inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspections. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During these inspections, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning these inspections.

Sincerely,

Bruce S. Mallett, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report
No. 030-12332/89001(DRSS)

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Jack Coffey, Corporate
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Mullauer/gd
12/1/89

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Mulay
12/1/89
Yes

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Cantlano
12/1/89

RIII
Mallett
12/6/89

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