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Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing ATTN: Stanley W. Thiele, Senior Vice President

Administrative Services

3M Center St. Paul, Minnesota 55144-1000 Licenses No. 22-00057-06; 22-00057-34G; 22-00057-59MD 22-00057-07; 22-00057-32G

EA No. 89-231

Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Messrs. R. J. Caniano, G. L. Shear and B. A. Parker of this office on October 30 through November 3, 1989. The purpose of the inspection was to review actions taken by your facility in response to items identified in two team inspections conducted by the NRC on June 14 through July 28, 1988, and August 1 through August 11, 1988, and actions taken in response to an NRC Order dated February 18, 1988. The inspection also included a review of recent events reported to Region III concerning 3M products.

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

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. You will be notified by separate correspondence of our decision regarding enforcement action based on the findings of this inspection. No written response is required until you are notified of the proposed enforcement action.

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.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Norelius, Director Division of Radiation Safety and Safequards

Enclosure: Inspection Reports No. 030-04951/89001; 030-04972/89001; 030-10825/89001;030-04952/89001

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