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License No. SUB-1297

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Langley Research Center
ATTN: Mr. W. Wessel, Safety Manager
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Hampton, VA 23665

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. SUB-1297/90-01)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by R. Brown on January 4, 1990. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with P. Babb, Radiation Safety Officer.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license with respect to radiation safety and compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license. It included selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and direct observations by the inspector.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appeared to violate NRC requirements. The violation, references to pertinent requirements, and elements to be included in your response are described in the Notice of Violation.

The violation described in the enclosed Notice is similar to a violation contained in the Notice sent to you by our letter dated July 21, 1988. Because a "similar violation," as described in the NRC Enforcement Policy, is of significant concern to the NRC, please give particular attention in your response to the identification of the root cause of this problem and your corrective action to prevent recurrence.

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 its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and its enclosure are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

for *DR. McGuire*
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Division of Radiation Safety
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