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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
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Docket No. 40-7455

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ATTN: Mr. Thomas J. Collins, Jr.
President
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 81-01

This refers to the routine, safety inspection conducted by Dr. L. F. Friedman of this office on April 30, 1981 at the Whittaker Metals, Greenville, Pennsylvania site of activities authorized by NRC License No. SMA-1018 and to the discussions of our findings held by Dr. Friedman with Mr. Walter Johnson of your staff and Mr. J. Terrill, your consultant, at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

In addition, our inspector made independent measurements of the radiation levels around your slag storage piles and took soil and water samples. These samples were analyzed in the Regional Office Laboratory in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The basic purpose of these independent measurements is to verify your capability for evaluating radiation levels and analyzing soil and water for radioactive contamination. The results of our measurements are in general agreement with the values submitted by you in your report to the Material Licensing Branch dated January 1979.

Within the scope of this inspection, no items of noncompliance were observed.

From the discussion of our findings at the conclusion of the inspection, we understand that you have no plans to alter your present storage arrangements in the foreseeable future. Please notify this office if our understanding is incorrect, or your plans change.

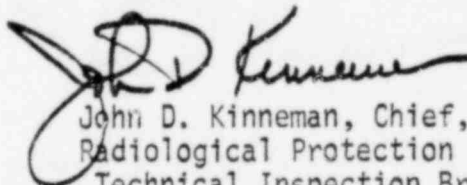
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No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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