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Meeting: Telephone conversation between licensee management and Region III
representatives on March 11, 1981.

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Summary:

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Subjects Discussed: The purpose of the communication was to acquaint licensee management with NRC's Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) program and how the licensee's previous inspection history relates to the NRC's new enforcement policy.

Results: The licensee was informed that during the appraisal period the licensee's regulatory performance was acceptable and that currently there are no major safety concerns.

DETAILS

1. Participants

Monsanto Research Corporation

Robert Schimmel, Facility Manager
Robert Taylor, Former Production Manager
Edward Janrow, Current Production Manager
Steve Hoadley, Radiation Safety Officer

NRC Region III

A. Bert Davis, Deputy Director
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Donald Sreniawski, Chief, Radiation Protection Section 2

2. Discussion

- a. The SALP program, including development, basis for evaluation, and purpose was summarized.
- b. The results of the NRC's evaluation of the licensee's performance were discussed.
- c. The NRC's new enforcement policy, including plans for implementation, was briefly discussed.

3. Licensee Comments

The licensee commented during the presentation of each of the areas in paragraph 2 and a discussion followed regarding the licensee's concern over differing enforcement policies of the NRC as compared to agreement states. The licensee stated that a difference in enforcement that affects operating costs can give a competitive advantage to the company that avoids the added expense.

Region III personnel stated that the intent is to make the NRC and agreement state programs equivalent to each other.