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Dear Mr. Nussbaumer:

We have reviewed the comments in your May 27, 1981 letter, concerning improvements in the technical aspects of our agreement materials program. Appropriate changes are being made to incorporate the recommendations suggested into our program.

The following items are our plans for addressing the recommendations:

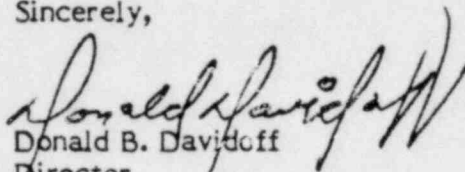
1. The Department's plan for responding to emergencies involving radioactive materials will be distributed to the appropriate persons.
2. Mrs. Dreikorn will be scheduled to attend the next licensing practices and procedures course when such course is given by the NRC.
3. Work is continuing on the revisions of the Department's rules and regulations.
4. Licensing staff are now using the new licensing checklist and the NRC Regulatory Guide 10.8. The use of these documents along with increased experience of new staff members should correct the licensing deficiencies noted. The Standard Conditions have been revised as recommended.

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5. Field staff has been instructed to concentrate their efforts in reducing the inspection backlog with priority on the broad licenses. With the additional central office staff, we will now be able to return to the annual accompaniment procedures for field inspectors. We can also return to the procedures for reviewing all inspection reports and enforcement letters with appropriate comments being transmitted to field personnel. A meeting has been scheduled with all field inspectors to provide for discussion of the deficiencies found in inspection reports and letters. All field inspectors have been reminded of the importance of acknowledgement letters. The inspection forms will be revised to include a section for interviews of workers.

We appreciate having representatives of your staff review and evaluate our radiation control program. It is always helpful to receive their recommendations.

Sincerely,



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