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Docket Nos. 30-04530
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U. S. Department of Agriculture
ATTN: Mr. Anson Bertrand, Director
Science & Education Administration
Washington, D. C. 20250

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 81-01

This refers to the routine, safety inspection conducted by Dr. L. Friedman of this office on June 18-19, 1981 of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. 19-00915-03, 19-00915-06 and SNM-1235 and to the discussions of our findings held by Dr. Friedman with Mr. John Bottum and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

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

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the item of noncompliance brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter dated December 5, 1980. We have no further questions regarding your action at this time.

In addition, our inspector examined those activities conducted under your licenses relating to the subject letter to Dr. John Glenn of this office dated January 16, 1981. We have no further questions regarding this matter.

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 plan to (1) develop procedures to assure that problems identified by your radiation safety staff during periodic audits are corrected; (2) develop a schedule for re-evaluation of current authorizations for use of radioactive material and assure that re-evaluations are performed; (3) develop

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schedules for review of the adequacy of the radiation safety training of current authorized users of radioactive material, and for conduct of training activities. We will review these matters during the next inspection of your licensed program.

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 will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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,

for *Francis M. Costello*
John D. Kinneman, Chief, Materials
Radiological Protection Section,
Technical Inspection Branch