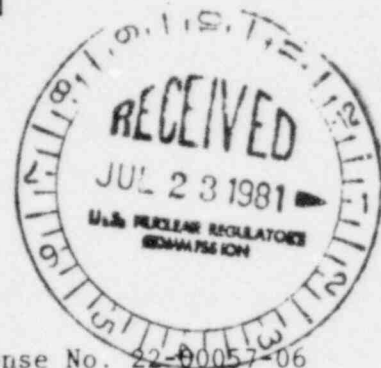




UNITED STATES
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Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company
ATTN: Mr. Robert G. Wissink, Manager
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3M Center
St. Paul, MN 55101

License No. 22-00057-06

Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. C. T. Oberg of this office on December 16-17, 1980, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 22-00057-06 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. D. C. Hall at the conclusion of the inspection. Certain of our findings were discussed further at an enforcement conference conducted on April 1, 1981, attended by me, and members of my staff, and by you and other 3M representatives.

The enclosed report identifies areas examined during the inspection and areas discussed during the enforcement conference. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During the inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in enclosed Appendix A. A written response, submitted under oath or affirmation is required. The noncompliance occurred before NRC adopted the Interim Enforcement Policy published in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980; therefore the item is classified in accordance with enforcement criteria then in effect.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If the enclosures contain any information

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that you or your contractors believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within seven (7) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within twenty-five (25) days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. Section 2.790(b)(1) requires that any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons on the basis which it is claimed that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning the inspection and enforcement conference.

Sincerely,

James G. Keppler
Director

Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
- 2. IE Inspection Report No. 03004951/80-03

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