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GTE Sylvania, Inc.
ATTN: Leon J. Dennis
Vice President and General Manager
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 81-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. Nicolosi of this office on June 24, 1981 of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. 37-07380-01, 37-07380-02 and STB-281 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Nicolosi with yourself 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.

In addition, our inspector took smear and air samples in your thorium doping area which were analyzed in our Regional Office Laboratory in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The basic purpose of these independent measurements is to verify your capability for analyzing removable contamination in your preparation and storage areas. The results of our analyses were in agreement with your results.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have been categorized into the levels described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Item A in the attached Notice of Violation is classified as a Severity Level III Violation in accordance with the Interim Enforcement Policy contained in the Federal Register Notice referenced above. As stated in Section IV.B of the Policy, monetary civil penalties are normally assessed for Severity Level III Violations. After careful consideration of the violation where you stored licensed material in your unlocked warehouse, we conclude that imposition of a

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civil penalty is not warranted. We took into account the fact that the potential impact on the public was low since the radiation levels associated with the material were small and it was unlikely that the material in question would be stolen. Similar violations of this type in the future may result in imposition of civil penalties.

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 and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Ronald C. Haynes
Director

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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