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Dear Mr. Rizzolo:

Subject: Inspection of Activities Authorized Under  
NRC License No. SNM-21, Docket 70-25

Your letter of July 13, 1976, which reported on the inspection by Messrs. G. Hamada and Y. Kobori on June 1-4, 1976, of activities authorized under NRC License No. SNM-21, outlines a number of activities which appeared not to be in full compliance with NRC requirements. Our actions to correct those apparent items of noncompliance are summarized below, with each item identified as in Appendix A to your letter.

- A. Reconciliation of the manually maintained central nuclear material plant control ledger and the computerized material balance area ledger has suffered as a result of extensive work load in the nuclear materials management area. With declining efforts in the fuel fabrication activities, some reassignments of responsibilities are being made. This will provide the necessary effort to assure reconciliation of the ledgers at the end of each accounting period.
- B. The tamper-safing program has been modified to assure that material which is being stored or held temporarily for later activities will be tamper-safed so that there will be no requirement for remeasurement at the time of use or during a subsequent inventory.
- C.1 Since previously planned corrective action has not been completely effective, the procedure for handling special nuclear material receipts has been modified, and the responsibility for material sampling and subsequent issue of the Forms NRC/ERDA-741 has been reassigned. These actions should result in timely completion and dispatch of the Forms 741.

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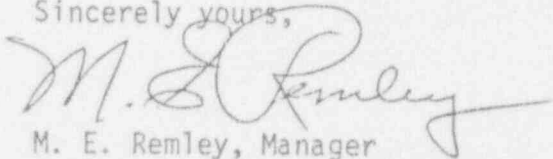
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- C.2 As indicated in your report, limited<sup>of</sup> error data had been calculated for the special nuclear material receipts and fuel element shipment but had not been included on the Forms NRC/ERDA-741. The practice of entering the limit of error data on all copies of the forms during their preparation has been initiated and should prevent recurrence of this omission.
- C.3 The corrective action described in Item C.1 above should remove this deficiency.
- C.4 The responsibility and method for preparation of the Forms NRC/ERDA-741 for special nuclear material shipments has been revised to assure issue on the same day the shipments are made. This will correct this deficiency.
- C.5 The corrective action described in C.4 above will also remove this deficiency.

Implementation of the above actions is resulting in correction of the deficiencies indicated in your report, and effective continuation of these actions will avoid future items of non-compliance.

Sincerely yours,



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