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Docket No. 50-223

License No. R-125

University of Lowell
ATTN: Dr. Leon E. Beghian
Vice President for Academic
Services and Technical Research
1 University Avenue
Lowell, Massachusetts 01854

Gentlemen:

Subjects: Inspection No. 50-223/82-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. W. W. Kinney of this office on June 16, 1982, of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-125 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Kinney with Dr. G. H. R. Kegel and Mr. T. J. Wallace of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Kinney and Mr. Wallace on June 17, 1982.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

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 violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the NRC Enforcement policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (47 FR 9987) dated March 9, 1982. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10 day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

R. Keimig for

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
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Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
- 2. NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 50-223/82-01

cc w/encl:

- Dr. J. Phelps, Program Director for Nuclear Engineering
- T. Wallace, Reactor Supervisor
- Dr. G. H. R. Kegel, Administrative Assistant for Reactor and Accelerator
- Public Document Room (PDR)
- Local Public Document Room (LPDR)
- Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts (2)

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