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Docket Nos. 70-398
30-3918

U. S. Department of Commerce
National Bureau of Standards
ATTN: Mr. L. E. Pevey
Chief, Occupational Health
and Safety Division
Building 301, Room B-126
Washington, D. C. 20234

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Nos. 70-398/82-03 and 30-3918/82-03

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. P. Clemons of this office on July 7 - 9, 1982, at Gaithersburg, Maryland, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. 08-00566-05 and SNM-362 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Clemons with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Clemons and Mr. Hobbs on July 15, 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, measurements made by the inspector, 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 with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed By:

for **JAMES H. JOYNER**
 Thomas T. Martin, Director
 Division of Engineering and
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report Nos. 70-398/82-03; 30-3918/82-03

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- T. G. Hobbs, Chief, Health Physics
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