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In Reply Refer To:

Licenses: 30-12350-01
30-02405-05
30-02405-11

Dockets: 030-05505/90-01
030-05480/90-01
030-20653/90-01

Department of the Army
White Sands Missile Range
ATTN: General Ronald V. Hite
Commanding
White Sands, New Mexico 88002

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. Brown of this office on September 11-12, 1990, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License Nos. 30-12350-01, 30-02405-05, and 30-02405-11, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel, independent measurements, and observations by the inspector.

No violations or deviations were identified.

The inspector observed that you appear to have an excellent radiation safety program. All personnel interviewed during the inspection appeared quite knowledgeable and professional, particularly the radiation protection officer (RPO). The RPO apparently has the proper authority and management support to conduct the radiation safety program as required.

We were informed during the inspection that your current RPO will be leaving his position in October 1990. In light of your excellent compliance record over the past several years, the NRC hopes you replace your RPO with someone of commensurate ability.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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A. Bill Beach, Director
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and Safeguards

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New Mexico Radiation Control Program Director

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