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Mr. James R. Miller
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Dear Mr. Miller

This is our written response to your letter of November 10, 1982 regarding the safeguards inspection conducted by Mr. T.J. Madeda on October 20-22, 1982 and the two items found to be in violation. The areas of noncompliance and our responses to them are as follows:

a. The licensee failed to review their material control and accountability procedure on an annual basis. This procedure was implemented in September 1977.

1. Corrective action taken and the results achieved.

The "Special Nuclear Material Handling Procedures", was immediately read and understood (on October 22, 1982) by Dr. A.E. Bolon, Reactor Director and was since read and understood by Mr. Dan Carter, Reactor Maintenance Engineer.

2. Corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance.

The requirement to annually review the "Special Nuclear Materials Handling Procedures" will be added to the Annual Checklist and on the Reactor Manager's and his secretary's desk calendar.

3. The date when full compliance will be achieved.

Full compliance was achieved as of October 22, 1982.

b. The licensee did not appoint in writing an individual to act in the position of the Special Nuclear Material Custodian. The Reactor Engineer has been conducting the functions that relate to the SNM control and accountability program.

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1. Corrective action taken and the results achieved.

A memorandum from the Reactor Director to the Reactor Maintenance Engineer assigning him the responsibility of fuel (or Special Nuclear Material) custodian in writing was completed on October 22, 1982. (See the attached.)

2. Corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance.

When the vacancy of Reactor Manager is filled, this matter will be discussed and it will be decided to whom the SNM Custodian responsibility should be assigned. That assignment will be done in writing.

3. The date when full compliance will be achieved.

Full compliance was achieved as of October 22, 1982.

In conclusion, we regret the fact that we have had the above violations. We believe that they were primarily due to the complete turn-over of the staff who were responsible for these matters. The Reactor Manager (also known as Reactor Supervisor) position is still vacant, but should soon be filled. Nevertheless, we wish to emphasize that the spirit of the SNM safeguards program was rigorously being enforced at the facility.

Thank you for bringing these items to our attention. Mr. J. J. Madeda is to be commended for doing a thorough inspection.

Sincerely,



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cc. A. Bolor,
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