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University of Wyoming ATTN: Daniel Baccarri Vice President, Finance P.O. Box 3413

Laramie, Wyoming 82071

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-01176/94-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the routine, unannounced inspection conducted by Mr. Robert A. Brown of this office on February 10-11, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Materials License 49-09955-10. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff.

The inspection was an examination of 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 observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice).

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In addition to the above mentioned items reviewed during the inspection, the functions of the Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) were also examined. Specifically, the inspector reviewed the RSC's oversight of the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and how the RSC had communicated the status of the radiation safety program to upper management. The RSC had provided management with an annual review of the radiation safety program, including a review of the quarterly audits conducted during this inspection interval. The radiation safety office had also published a quarterly newsletter which covered topics such as training schedules, changes in regulatory requirements and concerns, and items of information identified by the RSO. This appeared to be an

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effective mechanism for communicating with various personnel involved in the radiation safety program. Another area discussed was the commitment made in your license renewal application concerning the creation of a position for a full-time assistant to your RSO. It appeared that this issue was being addressed and will be resolved in the near future.

The inspector also discussed with your RSO plans for installing a radioactive waste compactor in your Regulated Materials Management Center (RMMC) facility in the near future. Your RSO stated that appropriate evaluations of airborne concentrations of radioactivity will be performed once compacting operations begin in the RMMC facility.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the inspector identified above at (817) 860-8100.

Sincerely,

Samuel S. Collins, Director Division of Radiation Safety

and Safeguards

Enclosure:

Appendix - Notice of Violation

CC:

Wyoming Radiation Control Program Director