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Docket No. 030-19354

License No. 29-20513-01

Deborah Research Institute
ATTN: Joseph R. Manni
Administrator
Trenton Road
Browns Mills, NJ 08015-1799

Dear Mr. Manni:

SUBJECT: ROUTINE INSPECTION NO. 030-19354/94-001

On February 22, 1994, David Mann and Kathleen Dolce of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, selective measurements, and a selective examination of representative records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you, Dr. C. David Ianuzzo, Dr. Christina Xenachis, Dr. Jiang Gu, and Diane Stockdale at the conclusion of the inspection.

Although the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) did not demonstrate a strong oversight of the radiation safety program at your facility, your augmentation of the RSO effort with a consultant is currently providing adequate oversight of the program. The NRC is concerned that you continued to perform your NRC-licensed activities between May 1990 and February 1991, after the departure of your RSO. In addition, you failed to immediately request an amendment to your NRC license assigning this responsibility to one of your staff. In response to this letter, please pay particular attention to action you have taken to prevent recurrence of similar violations.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed as Appendix A and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Mohamed M. Shanbaky

Mohamed M. Shanbaky, Chief
Research and Development Section
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and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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