Docket No. 030-04760

License No. 20-13722-01

Haller Testing Laboratories of Massachusetts, Inc.
ATTN: Robert L. Magee, Jr.
Radiation Safety Officer
11A Walkup Drive
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Westborough, MA 01581

Dear Mr. Magee:

SUBJECT: ROUTINE INSPECTION NO. 030-04760/94-001

On March 17, 1994, Mr. Steven Courtemanche 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, and a selective examination of representative records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you at the conclusion of the inspection.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified.

During the inspection, you requested clarification as to whether a situation that occurred at your facility constituted leaving licensed material (i.e., 4 portable moisture density gauges containing approximately 8 millicuries of cesium-137 and 44 millicuries of americium-241 each) unsecured. The circumstances, as described by you, were that the storage area was flooded with water due to a plumbing problem and that a plumber would have to enter the area and work near the storage area. You left instructions with an individual (not the plumber) to maintain surveillance of the equipment but not to move the equipment. In order to prevent unnecessary exposure to the plumber, you moved the gauges to a different location in the building. Even though the individual was not one of your employees, we have determined that the individual provided surveillance of the gauges, as instructed, in the locked building while they were not in the storage area. The gauges were not unsecured.

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No reply to this letter is required.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: Walter J. Pasciak

Walter J. Pasciak, Chief Industrial Applications Section Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

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