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Docket Nos. 030-00742 070-01297

License Nos. 18-01703-03 SNM-1266

Bates College ATTN: Donald Harward President Lane Hall Lewiston, Maine 04240

Gentlemen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 90-001

On June 21, 1990, Thomas K. Thompson and James P. Dwyer of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC licenses. 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 Drs. Pellicia and Ruff during telephone conversations with Mr. Dwyer on October 30 and 31, 1990.

The inspectors identified that you have in storage a quantity of unused and unidentified sources of radioactivity. Our concerns regarding the disposition of these materials were discussed with representatives of Bates College during an NRC inspection conducted November 16, 1977. We expect these materials to be identified and licensed or disposed of as necessary. In your response to this Notice of Violation, please confirm that these materials will be identified and licensed or disposed of as necessary, and provide a timetable for completion.

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.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: Francis M. Costello

John D. Kinneman, Chief Nuclear Materials Safety Section B Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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