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In Reply Refer To:
License: 03-19683-01
Docket: 030-19089/90-01

Department of the Army
Little Rock District
Corps of Engineers
ATTN: Colonel Charles McCloskey
District Engineer
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Messrs Richard A. Leonardi, Jr. and Bruce Earnest of this office on October 29-30, 1990, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 03-19683-01, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspectors with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the 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, and observations by the inspectors.

During this inspection, certain of your activities were found not to be conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this matter in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The inspectors noted that your radiation safety officer (RSO) had retired on August 31, 1990. A successor had not been appointed even though your staff continued to use byproduct material. During the inspection you committed to promptly request an amendment of your NRC license to have an RSO identified in your license. In response to this letter, you should comment specifically as to the measures you have implemented to assure this problem will not recur.

The inspectors also reviewed the actions you had taken with respect to the violations observed during our previous inspection conducted on September 25, 1986. They verified that the corrective actions for Violations C, D, and H had been implemented as stated in your reply dated September 25, 1986. However, Violation C had recurred since the previous inspection. This item is identified as a Violation of License Condition 15 in the attached Notice.

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RLeonardi:nh
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ABEarnest
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*C:NMSIS
CLCain
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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is 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.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

A. B. BEACH

A. Bill Beach, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

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DMB - Original (IE-07)
RDMartin
ABBeach
LAYandell
MRodriguez, OC/LFDCB (4503)
*WLFisher
*CLCain
*RALeonardi
*ABEarnest
*NMSIS
*MIS System
*RIV Files (2)
*RSTS Operator
*REHall, URFO

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