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License Nos. 18-01475-15
SNM-339

University of Maine
ATTN: Thomas Aceto, Ph.D.
Vice President Administration
Alumni Hall
Orono, Maine 04469-0102

Gentlemen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 90-01

On November 13-14, 1990, Thomas K. Thompson 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 yourself and James R. Cook, Ph.D. at the conclusion of the inspection.

During our inspection the inspector noted an area of the floor in Room 352 of Hitchner Hall that was slightly contaminated. Our concern is that the individual working in this area indicated that he was in a hurry and therefore had not performed a survey at the end of his work. Although no specific violation was identified, in your reply to this letter, please address this issue.

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.

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.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
JOHN R. WHITE

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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Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
State of Maine
James. R. Cook, Ph.D., Radiation Safety Officer

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