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Subject: Report No. 99990001/90-011

On October 10, 1990 I visited you and reviewed with you information concerning the burial of magnesium-thorium alloys on your property pursuant to 10 CFR 20.304. The information you provided previous to this visit helped us to locate our files on your company. I provided you copies of various documents from those files during this meeting and you provided me copies of various records. In addition, we visited the area where the material is buried. This material and the visit to the burial site were very helpful in understanding your previous activities.

Based on the information reviewed during this visit, it appears that these burials were conducted in accordance with the then current Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) regulations. However, as I explained during the visit, the regulation which permitted these burials has been withdrawn and the NRC plans to review all previous burials to determine whether any action is necessary to assure the health and safety of the public and/or the protection of the environment. We will keep you informed of our efforts to review your site and will request specific information when it is needed.

In addition, following the visit of Mr. T. Johnson of our Division of Low Level Waste Management you and your consultant provided samples of water from your monitoring wells for analysis. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts also provided samples from private wells near your property which are used to supply drinking water for analysis. Mr. Johnson will provide the results of this analyses as soon as they are available.

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 will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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Sincerely,

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