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Docket No. 50-77

The Catholic University of America  
ATTN: Dr. Warren E. Keene  
Reactor Administrator  
620 Michigan Avenue, N. E.  
Washington, D. C. 20064

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-77/91-01

A routine, announced safety inspection of your facility was conducted on January 14-15, 1991 by Mr. Thomas Dragoun of this office of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-31. Discussions of our findings were held by Mr. Dragoun with you at the conclusion of this inspection. Areas examined during this inspection included status of previously identified items, surveillances, and status of decommissioning. The inspection consisted of selected examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations made by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), Appendix A to this letter. We are concerned about the violations because they appear to demonstrate a lack of management oversight and attention to surveillance requirements. You are required to respond to this letter in accordance with the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice. In your response you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

This letter also refers to the meeting held on January 15, 1991 by Mr. Dragoun and Mr. Alexander Adams of the NRC with you and Sister Donley. During that meeting we discussed the possible link between the inattention to license requirements and the long delay between the decision to decommission the reactor and the initiation of the decommissioning process. We also discussed the need for management attention to establish a firm schedule for completion of the decommissioning effort and to provide the necessary resources. In your response to this letter, please provide a timetable for establishment of the schedule for decommissioning of the reactor.

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Within the scope of this inspection, five violations were identified. You are required to reply to these matters in accordance with the enclosed Appendix A. The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice of Violation 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.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
James H. Joyner

James H. Joyner, Chief  
Facilities Radiological Safety  
and Safeguards Branch  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report No.50-77/91-01

cc w/encls:

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Dr. William J. Kelnhofer, Chairman, Mechanical Engineering Department  
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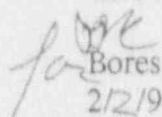
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