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Docket No. 70-687

License No. SNM-639

Union Carbide Corporation
ATTN: Mr. James J. McGovern
Business Manager, Radiochemicals
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Tuxedo, New York 10987

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 70-687/82-07

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. Roth on November 2 - 5, 1982 of activities authorized by NRC License No. SNM-639 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Roth with yourself and other members of your staff.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Our inspector also verified the steps you had taken to correct the violations brought to your attention in letters dated April 23, 1980, February 26, 1982 and July 9, 1982. We have no further questions regarding your action at this time.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the NRC Enforcement policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (47 FR 9987) dated March 9, 1982. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10 day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

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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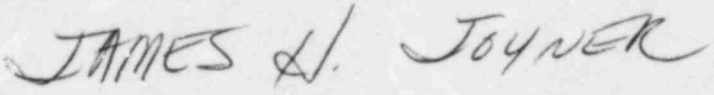
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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

JM

 Thomas T. Martin, Director,
 Division of Engineering and Technical
 Programs

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 70-687/82-07

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