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Docket: 40-6659

Petrotoomics Company
ATTN: Mr. J. H. Whitman
Resident Manager
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection by Messrs. N. M. Shopenn and R. C. Brown of this office on September 28-30, 1982, of the activities authorized by NRC Source Materials License SUA-551, 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, 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, independent measurements, and observations by the inspectors.

The NRC inspectors also reviewed the action you had taken with respect to the five items of noncompliance observed during our inspection of May 15-16, and June 3, 1980, and with respect to two significant appraisal findings and three violations observed during our appraisal of August 24-28, 1981. They verified that the corrective action, with respect to all but the two significant appraisal findings, had been implemented in your replies dated July 10, 1980, August 8, 1980, and December 9, 1981, in response to our letters dated June 18, 1980, July 18, 1980, and November 13, 1981. Corrective actions relating to parts of two significant appraisal findings concerning the assessment of contamination of personnel exiting the uranium mill complex and incorporating mill air sampling methods in the Radiation Technician's Manual were incomplete at the time of the inspection and will be reviewed during a future inspection.

No items of noncompliance with NRC requirements were found during the inspection.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within 10 days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within 25 days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. If your receipt of this letter has been delayed such that less than 7 days are available for your review, please notify this office promptly so that a new due date may be established. Consistent with Section 2.790(b)(1), any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons on the basis which it is claimed that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address, with specificity, the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

Glen D. Brown, Chief
Technical Programs Branch

Enclosure:
Appendix A - Inspection Report 40-6659/82-01

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IE/DFMMS/FFMB01
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