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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region 1
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Attention: T.T.Martin, Director
Division of Engineering & Technical Programs

Docket # 30-06891 License # 06-13514-01 Inspection # 30-06891/82/01

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the August 2, 1982 inspection conducted by Dr. Friedman and your subsequent letter dated August 30, 1982.

As stated in my August 5, 1982 letter, the Cobalt fire suppression system will be operational on or before October 15, 1982.

Regarding the corrective action to the Class IV violation that was determined as a result of your inspection, our response is as follows:

1. Corrective steps taken and results achieved:

- a. The requirement for a leak-wipe test report when a sealed source exchange occurs and/or the requirement to conduct a leak/wipe test check (if a report is not received with the exchanged source) before using a new or exchanged sealed source has been reviewed with all licensed and administrative personnel.

The requirement as defined in the facility license to conduct leak/wipe checks at six months intervals with documentation has also been reviewed.

- b. A status board has been instituted to clearly indicate license and/or N.R.C. required safety and performance checks and reports. This status board shows the date a required check was last completed, the due date when a new repeat check is to be completed; and also it specifies by name, a licensed operator responsible for that check.

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c. The legal and safety considerations attached to the need to complete and document safety and performance checks has been reviewed in detail with all personnel.

2. Corrective steps taken to avoid further violations:

Training programs have been reviewed and where necessary, revised to incorporate reference to need for compliance with all required performance/safety checks.

Emphasis on frequency and format for reporting compliance with license and N.R.C. requirements. Emphasize how to comply, where permanent records are to be kept, and to whom compliance is reported. Specific requirements have been incorporated in internal audit procedures.

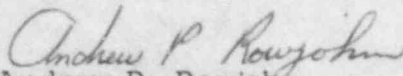
3. Date full compliance achieved:

Full compliance was achieved on August 16, 1982.

In conclusion, I have personally audited the Cobalt facility and find the corrective action procedures instituted by R. G. Crook to be satisfactory. I feel we are now in compliance with N.R.C. regulations including administrative and record keeping procedures.

Very truly yours,

BECTON, DICKINSON & COMPANY


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