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Dear Mr. Collins:

In reference to your letter of April 13, 1994 concerning violations found at our operation, I submit the following responses.

A. We rarely ship radioactive material, since it is the usual case that our supplier, Amersham Corp., ships directly to the customer site. However, in the case cited we did ship and neglected to place the "RQ" indicators and the shipping document. This happened because: it has been a long time since we shipped any material and we have relocated to a new facility with new personnel involved in shipping.

All personnel who may be required to assist in shipping radioactive material have been advised of the proper method of completing the shipping documents.

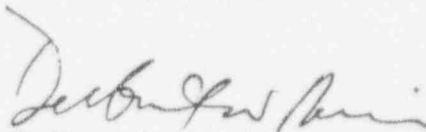
B. Storage of californium is an unusual activity for us and the individual making the monthly surveys did not realize that a different monitoring technique would be required as a consequence. All individuals involved in monitoring of the storage location have been advised of the proper instrumentation to use.

C. The "CAUTION, RADIATION AREA" sign has been posted at the entrance door to the lower level of our building in which the radioactive materials storage room is located. In addition, the door is now locked with the key in the possession of our Engineering Manager, who is the Radiation Safety Officer.

I hope the steps outlined above indicate our willingness to operate a safe facility. I would like to add that I thought Mr. Fuller conducted his inspection in a thoroughly professional manner and was very helpful in his exit interview with me.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if there are any other steps necessary to obtain full compliance with NRC regulations.

Sincerely yours,



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President and CEO