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ATTN: Robert McDowell
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Ferndale, MI 48220

License No. 21-18724-01
Docket No. 030-14088

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Ms. C. C. Casey of this office on November 16, 1990, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 21-18724-01 and to the discussion of our findings with you and John Kalisz at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, independent measurements, and interviews with personnel.

In addition to the above areas, the inspector examined actions described in your letter dated October 25, 1989, regarding apparent violations found during our June 28 through July 13, 1989 inspection. We have no further questions about these violations except for the two repeat violations addressed below.

Violations No. A and B are repeat violations. In your response to these violations, please describe why your proposed corrective action is expected to be more successful in preventing future or similar violations than the corrective action specified in your October 25, 1989 letter.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

In addition to the specific violations identified, our inspector expressed concern that, although you indicated that you would be contacting Troxler to obtain a meter to determine radiation levels in your storage facility in your letter to us dated October 25, 1989, as of November 16, 1990 you failed to do so. Please clarify your intentions regarding procurement of a survey meter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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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.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

John A. Grobe, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch

Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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CCKC (142)
Casey/da
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Capiano
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Grobe
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