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Oberlin College
ATTN: Ms. Donna Raynsford
Vice President for Operations
202 Cox Administration Building
Oberlin, OH 44074

License No. 34-05669-04
Docket No. 030-18291

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. W. Slawinski of this office on February 14, 1991 of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 34-05669-04 and to the discussion of our findings with Dr. R. Treichel and Mr. G. Howard Ray at the conclusion of the site inspection on February 14, 1991. This also refers to the telephone conversation with you on February 25, 1991.

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 your actions for the violations found during our October 18, 1984 inspection. We have no further questions regarding these matters.

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.

The number and scope of apparent violations identified indicate to the NRC that your licensed program may lack effective management control and involvement. As such, we are enclosing an appendix to this notice which may provide some guidance in assessing the adequacy of your management structure and control. You should review this guidance and determine how your licensed program could benefit best from the suggestions made. The NRC places effective management control highly in its expectations of licensed programs. In addition to your response to the Notice of Violation, you should also address how you intend to implement the suggested guidance. We are also concerned with your radioactive material purchase and inventory control system, which allows individual researchers to order and receive radioactive material without verifying that NRC licensed possession limits are met or that the researcher is authorized for the material requested. Consequently, please also describe your plans to improve your radioactive material purchase and inventory control procedures.

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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.

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,

Charles E. Norelius, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Appendix B, Management Control

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