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Docket No. 50-073

MAY 10 1991

General Electric Company  
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Attention: Mr. Robert W. Darmitzel, Manager  
 Irradiation Processing Operation

Subject: NRC SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION

Gentlemen:

This letter refers to an announced, routine safeguards inspection of your activities authorized by NRC License No. R33, conducted by Mr. L. R. Norderhaug of this office on April 11 - 29, 1991. It also refers to the discussion of the preliminary inspection findings with you and members of your management and technical staff on April 12, 1991. Further, this letter refers to subsequent in-office review of documentation provided during the inspection visit regarding items of inspection interest and to a telephone conversation between Mr. J. Nixon of your staff and L. R. Norderhaug on April 29, 1991.

Areas examined during the inspection include activities related to physical protection as described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and records, interviews with facility personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in paragraph 2.a of the inspection report enclosed with this letter. As noted therein, based upon the inspector's review of your corrective actions, we have no further questions at this time. In accordance with 10 CFR 2, Appendix C, Section V, paragraph A, a Notice of Violation has not been issued.

Also, in accordance with Section 2.790(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, documentation of the findings of your safeguards and security measures are exempt from public disclosure. Therefore, the enclosed inspection report will not be placed in the Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution.

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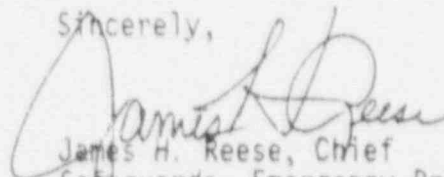
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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



James H. Reese, Chief  
Safeguards, Emergency Preparedness and  
Nonpower Reactor Branch

Enclosure:  
Inspection Report No. 50-073/91-01

cc w/enclosure:  
Mr. James L. Nixon, Specialist, Safeguards  
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