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February 21, 1995

Mr. T. Tehan, Director  
Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center  
Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION NO. 50-193/94-02

Dear Mr. Tehan:

This letter refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. Thomas F. Dragoun, William A. Maier and David M. Silk of this office, on December 7-9, 1994 of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-95 at the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center. This letter also refers to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Dragoun with you and other members of your staff.

Areas examined in this inspection are important to public health and safety, and are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. Part of the inspection included a review of the implementation of the emergency preparedness program. In addition, during another part of the inspection, Mr. John Ferruolo of the Rhode Island Department of Health, Occupational Health and Radiological Control, accompanied the inspector during a review of corrective actions related to the May 1994 loss of control of low level radioactive material.

Within the scope of this inspection, you had in place an effective program for protecting the workers and public during an emergency. However, as the result of a review of the loss of control of radioactive material, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. During the inspection, we determined that your immediate and longer range corrective actions for the violation were fully implemented, and appear adequate to prevent recurrence. A Notice of Violation is enclosed with this letter. As a result of the information provided during the inspection, no additional information is needed by the NRC at this time. Therefore, no response to this letter is required.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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