Docket No. 50-20

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Research Reactor Dr. John A. Bernard, Jr. Director of Reactor Operations 138 Albany Street Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 Docket No. 70-938

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mr. F. X. Masse' Campus Radiation Protection Officer 77 Massachusetts Avenue Room 206-207 Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Dr. Bernard and Mr. Masse':

Subject: Inspection Nos. 50-20/91-02 and 70-938/91-02

This letter refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. M. Austin and C. Gordon of this office and Dr. L. Cohen of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation on July 15-18, 1991, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. R-37 and SNM-986 at your facilities in Cambridge, Massachusetts. At the conclusion of the inspection, a discussion of our findings was held by Mr. Austin with you and other members of your staff.

Areas examined during this inspection included a review of the emergency plan and your actions taken in response to previously identified items. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Within the scope of the inspection, no safety concerns or violations were observed. Areas for improvement were identified in your emergency preparedness program and are described in Section 3.0 of this report.

No reply to this letter is required.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Griginal Signed By: James H. Joyner

James H. Joyner, Chief Facilities Radiological Safety and Safeguards Branch Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards Enclosure: Combined NRC Region I Inspection Report Nos. 50-20/91-02 and 70-938/91-02

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