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In Reply Refer To:  
Docket: 50-128  
License No. R-83

Dr. Ken R. Hall  
Reactor Administrator  
Texas Engineering Experiment Station  
301 WERC  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, Texas 77843

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-128/92-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. L. T. Ricketson of this office on February 24-28, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for the Nuclear Science Center. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violations involved the storage of radioactive sources at the Nuclear Science Center that were not authorized in the facility license and failure to train all members of offsite emergency support groups. We are concerned about the violations, because they indicate a lack of familiarity of your staff with certain conditions of your license and your emergency plan.

Normally, the NRC does not cite Severity Level V violations; however, all criteria for exercise of discretion, as described in paragraph VII.B(1) of Appendix C to 10 CFR Part 2 were not met, in that the licensee did not commit to specific corrective action by the end of the inspection.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rule of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures not exempted in accordance with 2.790(d) will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
Johns P. Jaudon for

John T. Greeves, Acting Director  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report  
50-128/92-01
3. Attachment - Proprietary Information

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