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Docket No. 50-54

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Mr. James J. McGovern
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Dear Mr. McGovern:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-54/92-01

This letter refers to the transportation inspection of irradiated reactor fuel conducted by Messrs. G. C. Smith and J. Roth of this office on January 8 - 10, 1992, at Tuxedo, New York and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Roth with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter and involved the review of areas that are important to health and safety. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and observations and measurements by the inspectors.

We found that the program being implemented for the transportation of irradiated reactor fuel was directed toward the protection of public health and safety and noted that the staff members responsible for the shipments generally exhibited a thorough knowledge and understanding of the operation and the associated regulatory requirements.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations or significant safety issues were observed.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James H. Joyner

James H. Joyner, Chief
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Enclosure:
Inspection Report No. 50-54/92-01

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