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Docket No: 50-166

University of Maryland
ATTN: Dr. F. Kerr
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-166/84-02

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. T.C. Elsasser and J. A. Robertson of this office on May 10-11, 1984 of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-70 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Elsasser with Dr. R. Belcher and Dr. G. Pertmer of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Elsasser and Dr. F. Munno on June 5, 1984.

Areas examined during this inspection 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.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you not fy this office, by telephone, within 10 days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within 30 days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10-day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: Richard W. Starostecki, Director Division of Project and Resident Programs

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation

2. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-166/84-02

cc w/encls:

Dr. R. Belcher, Reactor Director

Dr. F. Munno, Director, Nuclear Engineering Program

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