Docket No.

50-170

Capt. Robert L. Bumgarner, MC, USN, Director Defense Nuclear Agency Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute Bethesda, Maryland 20814-5145

Dear Captain Bumgarner:

Subject:

NRC Region I Inspection 50-170/92-01

An announced safety inspection of your facility was conducted on February 26-28, 1992 by Mr. Thomas Dragoun, accompanied by Dr. Robert Bores, of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-84. Discussions of our findings were held by Mr. Dragoun with Captain C. Galley and other members of your staff at the conclusion of this inspection.

Areas reviewed included upgrades in the radioanalytical laboratory, operations department organization and staffing, requalification program, surveillances, audits and oversight. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, the observed operational activities were conducted in a generally excellent manner and a number of improvements were noted in the radioanalytical laboratory. No violations were observed and no reply to this letter is required.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James H. Joyner
James H. Joyner, Chief
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Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:

Region 1 Inspection Report 50-170/92-01

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