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SUBJECT: COMBINED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-54/95-02 AND 70-687/95-02

Dear Mr. McGovern:

This letter refers to the decommissioning inspection conducted by Mr. Thomas Dragoun of this office, accompanied by Mr. Dominick Orlando of NRC Headquarters, and New York State representatives, on November 28 and 29, 1995, at the Research Reactor and Radiochemical Processing Laboratory, Tuxedo, New York. This letter also refers to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Dragoun with you and your staff.

Areas examined in this inspection are described in the NRC Region I inspection report, which is enclosed with this letter. The report also describes a commitment made by you to propose a resolution of the use of either NRC or EPA release limits for Strontium 90 in site water. If this is not your understanding, please contact us promptly.

Within the scope of this inspection, no safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were observed. No response to this letter is required.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

John R. White, Chief
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Docket Nos. 50-54
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