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License No. R-76

Washington State University
Pullman, Washington 99164-1300

Attention: Dr. William R. Rayburn
Associate Dean, WSU Graduate School

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTIONS OF WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY TRIGA REACTOR

This letter refers to the routine, announced inspections of your activities authorized under NRC License Number R-76. These inspections were conducted by L. Norderhaug and P. Qualls of this office on June 8 - 10, 1992. This letter also refers to the discussion of the preliminary inspection findings with you, Dr. Tripart and other members of your staff on June 10, 1992.

Areas examined during this inspection visit are described in the enclosed inspection reports (Enclosure A -- reactor operations, and Enclosure B -- physical protection and material control and accounting). 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, certain activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. However, these violations will not be subject to enforcement action because your efforts in identifying and correcting the violation meet the criteria specified in Section V.G of the Enforcement Policy.

In accordance with Section 2.790(a) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and Enclosure A will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

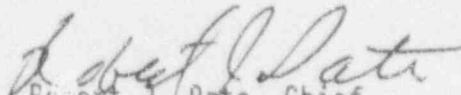
Further, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(d), documentation of the findings of your programs and procedures for safeguarding special nuclear material are exempt from public disclosure; therefore, Enclosure B will not be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,



Robert J. Pate, Chief
Safeguards, Emergency Preparedness and
Nonpower Reactor Branch

Enclosure:

- A. Inspection Report No. 50-027/92-01
- B. Inspection Report No. 50-027/92-02 & 50-027/92-03

cc w/enclosure:

Dr. G. Tripard
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