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Docket Nos. 040-00768
070-00139

License Nos. SUB-172 (Terminated)
SNM-185 (Terminated)

Vicki Carr, Regional Manager
AMC/Federal Management
175 Federal Street, Suite 700
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INSPECTION NO. 040-00768/96-001

Dear Ms. Carr:

As Mark Roberts of my staff discussed with you by telephone on April 16, 1996, the NRC has been reviewing records to ensure that facilities, where activities were authorized by Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and NRC licenses that have been terminated, are suitable for release for unrestricted use in accordance with current NRC guidelines. As you may be aware, the NRC and its predecessor, the AEC, issue licenses that authorize the use of various radioactive materials.

A contractor for the NRC, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), initially reviewed each terminated license file and scored it according to a system designed to identify facilities that require additional review by the NRC staff. In general, files that indicate that radioactive material may have been used at particular facilities, but which do not include adequate final survey records for those facilities, are identified for additional review. The review by ORNL identified License Nos. SUB-172 and SNM-185 as files describing a site that requires additional review. The Region I staff reviewed these files and determined that additional action was necessary since there was no final radiological survey conducted at the facility. License Nos. SUB-172 and SNM-185 were issued to Englehard Industries, D. E. Makepeace Division and authorized research and development on uranium fuel elements at its Pine and Dunham Streets location in Attleboro, Massachusetts. It is our understanding that your organization currently operates the residential facility at that location.

On April 17, 1996, Mark C. Roberts of this office conducted a special safety inspection of the Pine and Dunham Streets facility in Attleboro, Massachusetts of activities authorized by the former AEC licenses. The inspection consisted of observations and radiological measurements by the inspector in the basement of the building where licensed radioactive material authorized by License Nos. SUB-172 and SNM-185 may have been previously used or stored. These areas were free of radioactive contamination. The findings of the inspection were discussed with Ernie Mowry at the conclusion of the inspection. A copy of the

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NRC inspection report is enclosed. The facility is suitable for unrestricted use. We plan no further action on the property.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed report will be placed in the Public Document Room. No reply to this letter is required.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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Enclosure:
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