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Yale University
ATTN: Edward A. Adelberg
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New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Gentlemen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 90-001

On July 30, 1990 to August 1, 1990, Betsy Ullrich and Craig Gordon of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at 260 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut of activities authorized by the above listed NRC licenses. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. In addition, our inspection examined the activities covered in your correspondence dated December 21, 1987; April 7, 1988; July 12, 1988; August 12, 1988; October 23, 1989; December 20, 1989; May 11, 1990 and July 23, 1990. The findings of the inspection were discussed with Robert Szczarba, Dorothy Robinson, Lawrence Gibbs, and representatives of the Radiation Safety Department at the conclusion of the inspection. This also refers to a telephone conversation on August 7, 1990 between Ken Price, Betsy Ullrich and Craig Gordon.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed as Appendix A and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

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Item A in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter is similar to a violation identified during a previous inspection of your licensed activities and documented in a Notice of Violation enclosed with our letter dated September 26, 1989. Although recurrent violations are given additional weight in the consideration and selection of appropriate enforcement action, it appears that prompt and appropriate corrective actions were taken by the Radiation Safety Department when the contamination was discovered in the laboratory. In addition, the Radiation Safety staff performed a thorough investigation of the causes of the contamination and resulting radiation exposure and loss of use of a facility and the Radiation Safety Committee reviewed the incident with the responsible Principle Investigator and took appropriate enforcement action as described in your letter dated July 23, 1990. Therefore, this violation remains categorized as Severity Level IV and no additional enforcement action is proposed. In your response to this letter, please give particular attention to those actions taken or planned to ensure that identified violations will be completely corrected and will not recur. You should also give special attention to your actions to assure that all users of radioactive material are aware of your contamination limits.

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 your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

John D. Kinneman

John D. Kinneman, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Section B
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and Safeguards

Enclosure:

Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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