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Yale University
ATTN: Gordon Shepherd, M.D.
Deputy Provost
Provost Office
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Dr. Shepherd:

Subject: Inspection No 030-00582/91-001

This refers to your letter dated December 6, 1991, in response to our October 22, 1991, letter denoting areas that were not in full compliance with NRC requirements. I would like to extend an apology for the length of time it has taken to respond to your December letter.

We have evaluated the proposed corrective and preventive actions and find them unacceptable because of the high frequency with which Yale University loses radioactive material, including your recent loss of radioactive waste. The Radiation Safety Officer and the Radiation Safety Committee must raise the level of consciousness regarding securing of radioactive material, not only at the principal investigator level as proposed, but also to the custodial staff, researchers and to personnel who work in the vicinity of radioactive material.

Please describe the plan to enhance the security of radioactive material at your facility. You should consider the risk of occupational accidents when enhancing security of radioactive material given the uniqueness of laboratory situations. Include the implementation dates and ensure that the plan also includes personnel who are in the vicinity of the radioactive material but who are not authorized users of radioactive material.

A response to this letter is requested within 30 days. Please use the enclosed self-addressed green envelope when you respond to this letter to assist us in the timely processing of your response.

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

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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