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Docket No. 030-00753

License No. 20-00297-53

Harvard University,  
Radiation Protection Office  
ATTN: Mr. Robert Scott  
Vice President for Administration  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Safety Inspection No. 87-001

On July 6 through 10 and 28, 1987, C. T. Oberg and V. R. Scovill of this office conducted a safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. 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 July 8, 1986. We have no further questions on these matters at this time.

This also refers to concerns raised by one of your employees relative to the fact that radioactive waste was not properly stored and controlled, that NRC regulations and radiation safety procedures were possibly being violated, and that the individual was told that he would be fired if these concerns were discussed with the NRC or the building manager.

While there was a basis for the employee's concerns, our inspector confirmed that your Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) staff were already aware of the excess waste and inadequate conditions of its storage, and had initiated action to correct this problem before it was brought to the NRC's attention.

Though the individual was not discharged, please be informed that discrimination against any employee engaging in the protected activities as specified by 10 CFR 30.7 is prohibited.

The findings of the inspection were previously discussed with you and others of your staff. Within the scope of this inspection, no violations of the regulations or license conditions were identified. However, because of the concerns raised, we verified that action has been taken by your EH&S staff to audit the laboratory areas of concern more frequently until assured these areas are adequately controlled.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
John R. White

John R. White, Chief  
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