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Carlton Kammerer, Director  
Office of State Programs  
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Dear Mr. Kammerer:

Thank you for your letter documenting the status of the Department of Health's (DOH) radiation protection program. The department has traditionally had a high quality program; a program fully adequate to protect the public health and safety. Your suggestions for improving our program are always appreciated and DOH will make the opportunities to incorporate them whenever possible.

The specific comments or issues highlighted on your Enclosure 2 are addressed in the enclosed document. If you have any questions, please contact me at (206) 753-5871 or T.R. Strong, Division of Radiation Protection, at (206) 586-8949.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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RESPONSE TO NRC COMMENTS  
1992 Program Review

1. Administrative Procedures

NRC recommends that certain established written policies and procedures be reviewed. NRC suggests shortening the time allowed for completing terminations, adding a checklist that documents verification of the final disposition of radioactive material prior to terminating a license, and developing a procedure or rating system to more precisely define when not to use the Field Form and when to consider escalated action.

Response: These suggestions are very reasonable and staff will make the necessary changes.

2. Inspection Reports

NRC recommends that all inspection report forms and formats should provide clear areas for the inspector to document all components of the inspection.

Response: Staff will proceed with updating several infrequently used report forms as well as developing a special follow-up inspection report format that will include the inspection components NRC determined to be missing.