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License Nos. 44-01998-06
44-00728-13

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Gentlemen:

Subject: Combined Inspection Nos. 030-09010/44-01998-06 and 030-13022/44-00728-13

This refers to your letter dated November 25, 1987, in response to our inspection dated July 7, 1987.

Your request for comments on procedures successfully being conducted is a difficult request to answer. As a regulatory agency NRC's inspection emphasis would be directed toward what we view as unsafe conditions or potentially unsafe conditions at a licensee's facility. We were never authorized to perform a consulting function and thus do not expend any resources looking into methods for a licensee to improve their existing program. We do make recommendations if an area is found substandard. In repeat of my comments at the conclusion of the July 7, 1987 inspection, I found your program to be efficiently operated with a well organized recordkeeping system. Your method of maintaining individual protocols for byproduct material users meets the intent of our regulations for a broad scope licensee. A few violations requiring corrective action were identified. These violations were of Severity Level 4 and 5. NRC violations range from 1 to 5 with Severity 1 being most significant and Severity 5 least significant. The violations identified are not uncommon for a licensed program of broad scope and I view them as an effective tool for assuring corrective action and not as punitive.

I appreciate your interest in continuing to improve your broad scope byproduct material licensed program and wish you continuing success.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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