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Docket No. 99990001

Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Labs ATTN: Edwin Wurtz, Ph.D. Radiation Safety Officer West Point, Pennsylvania 19486

Gentlemen:

Subject: Special Inspection No. 88-038

On February 25, 1988, Laurence F. Friedman, Ph.D., C.H.P., of this office conducted a safety inspection at the above address of activities permitted by the general license as authorized by 10 CFR 31.5. The inspection was limited to a review of your possession and use of static eliminators manufactured by the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M).

The findings of the inspection were discussed with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified.

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 will be placed in the Public Document Room. No reply to this letter is required.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely.

Original Signed By: Laurence F. Friedman, Ph.D.

John R. White, Chief Nuclear Materials Safety Section C Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

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