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Docket No. 50-27

Washington State University
Nuclear Radiation Center
Pullman, Washington 99164-1300

Attention: Dr. William E. Wilson
Associate Director

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Material Control and Accounting Inspection

This letter refers to a reactive safeguards inspection of your activities authorized under NRC License No. R-76 conducted by Mr. G. B. Nelson of this office on January 22 and February 19, 1986. It also refers to discussions of the inspection findings with you on the same date.

The inspection included examination of activities related to your program for the control and accounting of special nuclear material in accordance with applicable requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 70, "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material", and pertinent license conditions as described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of records and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation enclosed as Appendix A to this letter. The items have been categorized into a severity level as described in the NRC Enforcement Policy, 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C.

Your response to this Notice is to be submitted in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201 as stated in Appendix A, Notice of Violation.

In accordance with Section 2.790(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, documentation of the findings of your control and accounting procedures for safeguarding special nuclear material are exempt from public disclosure; therefore, the enclosed inspection report, the enclosed notice of violation and your response thereto will not be placed in the Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed
James L. Montgomery, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety and
Safeguards Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No. 50-27/86-C. (IE-V-733)

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