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July 1, 1999

SUBJECT: NRC ROUTINE, ANNOUNCED INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-186/99-201
AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

This refers to the inspection conducted on June 7-11, 1999, at the University of Missouri - Columbia Research Reactor. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has identified a violation of NRC requirements. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is of concern because it should have been identified by your routine procedure reviews but instead it was identified by the NRC.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response in accordance with its policies to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact Mr. Thomas Burdick at (630) 829-9864.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Ledyard B. Marsh, Chief

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Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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