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License No. 20-00882-03
Docket No. 030-00761
Control No. 02110

University of Massachusetts
Environmental Health and Safety
ATTN: Jim Tocci
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Gentlemen:

This is in reference to your request in a letter dated January 31, 1984, to amend License No. 20-00882-03. In order to continue our review, we need the following additional information:

Your letter of January 31, 1984, indicates that the remaining ash from incineration will be "buried on campus as described in our current license."

Please be advised that effective January 28, 1981, the NRC deleted 10 CFR 20.304 which allowed burial of certain small quantities of radionuclides without prior approval. (See enclosed Federal Register Notice). Additionally, information on burial in soil was sent to all licensee's in November of 1980. (See enclosed information).

Since Condition 18. of License No. 20-00882-03 states that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulations shall govern the licensee's statements in applications or letters, unless the statement are more restrictive than the regulations, you were allowed to bury licensed material until January 28, 1981, when the NRC regulation became more restrictive and you did not request burial under the provisions of 10 CFR 20.302.

Therefore, you must cease all burial until such time that the NRC amends your license to allow for such a method of waste disposal as a result of an amendment request.

We suggest that in your reply to this letter you separate any requests for burial from your current request for incineration.

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We will continue our review upon receipt of this information. Please only in duplicate to my attention at the Region I office and refer to Mail Control No. 02110.

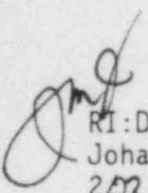
Sincerely,

Original Signed By
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Enclosures:

1. 10 CFR Part(s) 61
2. Federal Register/Vol. 45 No. 212/ 10/30/80 page 71781
3. Other Information...Burial of Radioactive Waste in Soil


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