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Docket No. 50-027

Washington State University  
Pullman, Washington 99104

Attention: Dr. C. J. Nyman, Dean  
Graduate School and Associate Provost for Research

Gentlemen:

This letter refers to the routine safeguards inspection of your activities authorized under NRC License No. R-76 conducted by Mr. A. V. Wieder of this office on June 4 and 5, 1986. It also refers to the discussion of his inspection findings with Dr. Wilson on June 5 and June 20, 1986.

The inspection included examination of activities related to Safeguarding special nuclear material as described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and records, interviews with facility staff and inspector observations.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation enclosed as Appendix A to this letter. The item has 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 NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, documentation of the findings of your safeguards and security procedures 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 and receive limited distribution.

We have determined that the enclosures so designated contain Safeguards Information and therefore are subject to the controls of 10 CFR 73.21.

The response 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 this with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
R. D. Thomas

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

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No. 50-027/86-02/86-03 (IE-V-758)

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