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Docket No. 40-8698
License No. SUA-1371

Plateau Resources Limited
Shoortaring Canyon Uranium Processing Facility
ATTN: Mr. J. K. Thamm
P.O. Box N.B.U. 11
Ticaboo, Utah 84734

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. F. Brich of this office on February 24-26, 1987, of the activities authorized by NRC Source Material License SUA-1371 and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The enclosed NRC Inspection Report 40-8698/87-001 documents this inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel, and observations by the inspector.

During this inspection, certain of your activities were found not to be conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this matter in writing in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The NRC inspector also reviewed the corrective action you had taken with respect to one violation and one deviation observed during the previous

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inspection which was conducted January 22-23, 1986 (40-8698/86-001). He verified that the corrective actions with respect to these items were implemented as stated in your reply of April 9, 1986, to our letter dated March 6, 1986.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is 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.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Harry J. Pettengill, Chief
Licensing Branch 2
Uranium Recovery Field Office
Region IV

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report No. 40-8698/87-001

cc: Utah, Radiological Health Dept.

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