

March 8, 1999

W. Clark Hendley, Provost
for Academic Affairs
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College of Saint Benedict
37 South College Avenue
St. Joseph, MN 56374-2099

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION OF DISPOSAL OF UNLICENSED BYPRODUCT MATERIAL

Dear Mr. Hendley:

This refers to the inspection conducted on January 22, 1999, at St. John's University. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether certain radioactive byproduct materials discovered by your staff on the premises of St. John's University, which had been used by an individual no longer associated with the University, was disposed of safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. The inspection was an examination of documents and a physical survey of areas where the materials had been stored.

The inspector concluded that all byproduct material had been removed on December 29, 1998, by ADCO, an authorized waste handling organization. The inspector was shown all areas of the University where the waste had been stored and his surveys indicated no residual contamination from the materials. Subsequent to the Inspectors visit to the site, on February 3, 1999, a representative of ADCO surveyed the same areas and concluded no residual radioactivity remained. We have no further questions regarding this matter.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

/s/ G. C. Wright

Geoffrey C. Wright, Chief
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