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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety
 Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: Decommissioning of UW-Madison's Herrick Drive and Mills Street Waste Storage
 Facilities (BML 48-09843-18)

030-03465

Dear Sirs:

Reference your August 1987 NRC publication, *Guidelines for Decontamination of Facilities and Equipment Prior to Release for Unrestricted Use or Termination of Licenses for Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material* and Administrative Letter 96-05, *Compliance with the Rule "Timeliness in Decommissioning of Material Facilities."*

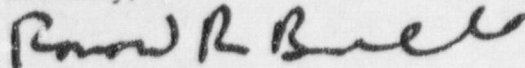
The University of Wisconsin, Madison is replacing the two low-level radioactive waste processing / storage facilities at 115 N. Mills St. and 2120 Herrick Drive (paragraph 10.1 of our BML 48-09843-18) with a state of the art facility located at 30 N. Murray St.. As noted in our license, these two facilities were used in conjunction with our Decay-in-Storage program and to hold solid radioactive waste prior to ultimate disposal. We expect the new facility will be ready to accept waste sometime after 1 May, 2000. As we move toward the decommissioning phase it is our intention to:

1. Transfer all waste from the two facilities to 30 N. Murray St.
2. Conduct a thorough survey of floors, walls, ventilation ducts, and plumbing. Our intention is to identify any items with residual contamination and decontaminate as appropriate.

Prior to completion of this project, we will notify our regional office of the results of our survey and decommissioning and provide a timeline for transferring the facility to the University for unrestricted use.

Please contact me at (608) 262-9178 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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