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Re: Reply to a Notice of Violation

During an NRC inspection conducted on February 1, 2000, the State of Missouri Department of Health Laboratory was notified that it was in violation of its license No. 24-12099-01. That license authorized the storage of our low-level radioactive waste at 118 Jaycee Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri. In December of 1999, the Missouri Department of Health vacated that facility and moved to a new facility at 323 Veterans Lane, Jefferson City, Missouri, which was not authorized under our license.

This violation was due to an oversight on our part to notify the NRC of this change, and make the requisite request to authorize the new site at the time of the move. As noted in the letter accompanying the Notice of Violation, which is attached, as soon as it was brought to our attention, we made the appropriate request to authorize the new site, and withdraw the authorization for the vacated site. Also as noted in the letter accompanying the Notice of Violation, the new site, while not authorized, was adequate for the safe use and storage of the licensed materials. We feel this facility is better suited for the safe and secure use and storage of this material. We also have included in our operating protocols an item to inform the Regional Office (Region III) the need to request authorization of any new facility where low-level radioactive waste may be stored or used before we move, and to request de-authorization of any facility we vacate where such waste was used or stored.

Our requests to authorize the new site and de-authorize the old site were made on February 2, 2000 and are also attached as part of the record, and we are awaiting a decision regarding those requests in order to be in compliance with our license.

Sincerely,

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c. Regional Administrator, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III

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