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Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for your November 8, 1995 letter, responding to our comments and recommendations which were sent to you on December 23, 1994, following our review of the State's radiation control program.

We appreciate the positive actions you and your staff have, and are, implementing in response to our comments, especially in updating State regulations. We will further review the status of these items as they relate to the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) performance based review criteria during the October 1996 review. Enclosed are specific comments on your responses to recommendations on the Sealed Source and Device (SS&D) Evaluation Program. Although we conclude that only item number 4 does not appear to be adequately addressed, we have provided additional responses or comments relating to each recommendation covered in your response.

In your letter you asked, whether in its oversight of Agreement States, if NRC is closely monitoring SS&D sheets submitted by California to ensure the safety and adequacy of all SS&Ds nationwide. Please note, that SS&D sheets submitted to NRC by Agreement States receive a cursory review mainly for formatting and are then entered into the nationwide database. We expect that each SS&D sheet submitted by an Agreement State will be technically correct, complete and ready for nationwide distribution. (See All Agreement States letter SP-95-026 dated March 1, 1996). Under IMPEP, we will conduct an indepth review of the supporting documentation for a select sample of SS&D sheets submitted by each Agreement State.

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You also requested a copy of the SS&D workshop manual and the draft SS&D standard review plan. These items were sent to you by All Agreement States letter SP-95-182 dated November 16, 1995.

If you have questions, please call me or Lloyd Bolling at (301) 415-2327.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Bangart, Director  
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