

December 21, 2001

James M. McHugh, Radiation Safety Officer  
Midwest Research Institute  
425 Volker Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO 64110

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF A LEAKING NICKEL-63 SEALED SOURCE

Dear Mr. McHugh:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated December 18, 2001, notifying the NRC of a leaking nickel-63 sealed source.

Based on a telephone conversation between you and Mr. Robert Gattone of my staff on December 20, 2001, it is our understanding that Midwest Research Institute possesses the source pursuant to the general license described in 10 CFR 31.5. It is also our understanding that you will notify us in writing of the final disposition of the leaking source, as required by 10 CFR 31.5.

We have reviewed the actions you have taken and planned in response to the leaking source, which appear to be adequate, and have no further questions at this time.

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Sincerely,

**/RA by J. Cameron acting for/**

Gary L. Shear, Chief  
Materials Inspection Branch

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