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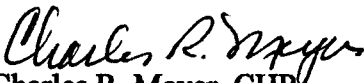
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop T7J8
Attn: Mr. Chris McKenney
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Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. McKenney,

I had a telephone conversation with Mr. Jim Kennedy this morning regarding the treatment and disposal of cesium contaminated emission control dust from the Nucor facility in Jewett, Texas. During the conversation Mr. Kennedy told me that, based upon the request for assistance from Texas, the Nucor material would be considered for disposition per the protocols enumerated in the NRC position paper entitled "Disposition of Cesium-137 Contaminated Emission Control Dust and Other Incident-Related Material; Final Staff Technical Position" (FR vol. 62, No. 53, pp 13176-13198). Based upon this determination, Mr. Kennedy suggested I inform your agency of the inventory of our US Ecology Idaho facility's inventory of cesium-137 contaminated K061. To date that facility has received no shipments of cesium-137 contaminated K061. The entrance to our rail transfer facility and the entrance to our disposal facility are both monitored with radiation detection equipment with sufficient sensitivity to detect the inadvertent receipt of such material as well. We have not noted radiation levels above the set point of these detectors (twice background) in K061 materials we treat and dispose of to date.

Thank you for your time and efforts.


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