



MICHAEL R. PENCE, Governor  
STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
302 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

23 November 2016

Mr Allan Barker, State Liaison Officer  
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region III  
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210  
Lisle, IL 60532-4352

Re: NRC Discrete Radium Sources Project

Dear Allan,

I have received notification the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be conducting site visits at 1720-1730 E Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend, Indiana formerly the South Bend Watch Company and at 710 and 712 S Fourth Street, Evansville, Indiana formerly Evansville Radium Institute. These site visits are scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup> respectively. I am requesting a member of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Radiation Programs staff be allowed to observe these site inspections. In addition, I am requesting a member of the IDHS Public Information Office be allowed to observe these site visits as well. The IDHS Public Affairs team works closely with technical staff throughout the agency on sensitive issues. The agency works to ensure that essential information is understood and prepared for not only the average citizen to comprehend, but in this instance, to ensure that appropriate briefings can be given to internal management, as well as the leadership team of the Indiana Governor, now Vice President-Elect, Mike Pence. First-hand knowledge of on-site activities will allow the Public Affairs staff to better articulate, if approached by the media and once doing so is appropriate, the agency's complete confidence in not only the methods and actions, but also the considerable trust and partnership between the NRC and IDHS.

I am requesting both myself, Laura Dresen, Radiation Programs Director, and Amber Kent, Public Information Officer be included in the site visit indicated above and scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup>. I am also requesting Mary Stiker, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program Coordinator and Amber Kent, Public Information Officer be included in the site visit indicated above and scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Laura Dresen  
Radiation Programs Director  
Indiana Department of Homeland Security



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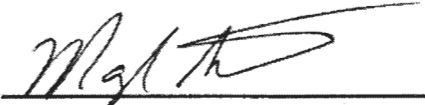
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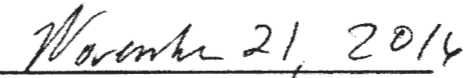
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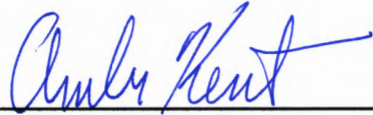
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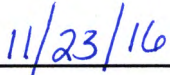
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