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Dear Mr. Segovia-Kane:

This is in response to your letter of October 18 to Chairman Palladino requesting assistance in the safe disposal of a quantity of waste material containing americium-241. The Commission staff has considered your proposal to return the material to EAD Metallurgical in Tonawanda, New York for disposal. While your intention to return the material to EAD is understandable, we have been advised by the New York nuclear regulatory officials, who have jurisdiction over the disposition of the material within New York State, that EAD is no longer authorized to receive and possess material containing americium-241.

With respect to alternative disposal locations in the United States, at this time neither the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission nor any State nuclear regulatory agency has licensed the operator of a disposal site to receive americium-241 or any other transuranic bearing material in concentrated amounts for disposal.

As a result of the situation described above, the Commission staff recommends that you seek either to sell these materials to someone who is licensed to receive and possess them, or to find alternate means of disposal within Mexico. Some of the material may be of low enough activity to permit disposal as low-level waste. The Mexican Nuclear Safety and Safeguards Commission should be able to assist you in this effort.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience in working to find a reasonable resolution of this problem. Please write to me if you have additional questions.

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Sincerely,

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(Signed) William J. Dircks

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO IMPORT RADIATION CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) THAT A SHIPMENT OF 25 BARRELS OF EQUIPMENT CONTAMINATED WITH RADIATION MAY BE PRESENTED FOR ENTRY AT THE PORT OF LAREDO OR ANOTHER OF YOUR PORTS. INASMUCH AS SUCH MATERIAL REQUIRES A LICENSE (NEC FORM 250) WHICH THE NRC DOES NOT INTEND TO ISSUE, PLEASE DETAIN THE SHIPMENT IF IT IS PRESENTED.

THE MERCHANDISE WAS DESCRIBED AS "EQUIPMENT" PACKED IN 25 BARRELS, WHICH PROBABLY WILL BE LOADED IN TWO STEEL CONTAINERS. THESE CONTAINERS ARE PROBABLY LOADED ON SEPARATE TRUCKS. THE MATERIAL, ALTHOUGH DESCRIBED AS CONTAMINATED IS IN CONTAINERS THROUGH WHICH THE LOW LEVELS OF RADIATION WOULD NOT BE DETECTED BY YOUR PRESENT EQUIPMENT. AS DESCRIBED IT PRESENTS NO HAZARD IF IT REMAINS UNOPENED.

THE MERCHANDISE IS EXPECTED TO BE SHIPPED BY DAREKA METTALURGICA DE MEXICO, PROBABLY FROM MONTERREY. THE CONSGNEE WILL LIKELY BE A COMPANY CALLED "E.A.D." WITH OFFICES IN NEW YORK AND TEXAS. THIS FIRM IS DEFUNCT AND WILL NOT OBTAIN THE APPROPRIATE LICENSE.

PLEASE TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ASSURE THAT THIS MERCHANDISE IS NOT RELEASED. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT JERRY EVERETT, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, TELEPHONE 728-8187 (FTS), COMMERCIAL (817) 860-8187.

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SIGNED
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