

December 19, 1996

Docket No. 040-01203

License No. C-04507 (Terminated)

Raymond Labosky, Construction Manager
Keystone Automotive Warehouse
44 Tunkhannock Avenue
Pittston, PA 18643-1221

SUBJECT: Former NRC Licensed Facility at Tunkhannock Avenue, Exeter, PA

Dear Mr. Labosky:

This refers to the former Metals Research and Development, Incorporated facility, which I understand is currently owned by Keystone Automotive Warehouse. The enclosed map identified the Metals Research and Development building, which was licensed by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), the predecessor agency of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to fabricate uranium fuel elements and uranium alloys. These activities were conducted under License Nos. C-3821 which expired and was renewed as C-04507, during the period of 1957 to approximately 1959.

As Marie Miller of my staff explained to Ms. Sandy Kalmonovich of Keystone Automotive Warehouse on December 18, 1996, the NRC records for these licenses were reviewed as part of an NRC program to ensure that facilities, where activities were authorized by AEC and NRC licenses that have been terminated, are suitable for release for unrestricted use in accordance with current NRC guidelines. As part of this program, our contractor, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), reviewed each terminated license file and scored it according to a system designed to identify facilities that require additional review by NRC staff. In general, files that indicate that licensed material may have been used at particular facilities, but which do not include adequate final survey records for those facilities, are identified for additional review. The review of ORNL identified License No. C-04507, as a file that may require additional review. The NRC staff reviewed the file and determined that an onsite review would be prudent, even though small quantities of uranium had been used, because there was no final radiological survey record for the areas where licensed radioactive material was used. In order to close our review of License No. C-04507, we need current information, which indicates that the facility described in the license file meets current NRC criteria for release for unrestricted use.

To enable us to evaluate the building currently occupied by Keystone, we request permission to perform a radiological scoping survey during the second week of January 1997, at a mutually agreeable time. The survey will be conducted at our expense. You will receive a written copy and explanation of the survey results.

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R. Labosky
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To arrange for the radiological survey or for any questions regarding this matter, please call Marie Miller, a Senior Health Physicist of my staff at (610) 337-5205 after January 6, 1997.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
Ronald R. Bellamy
Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief
Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure:
Map of Facility

cc w/enclosure:

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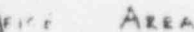


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