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Mr. Charles W. Hehl
Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
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Dear Mr. Hehl:

This refers to Amendment Number 39, dated January 30, 1996, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), License Number 08-01297-06, Docket Number 030-7130, Control Number 122663.

The following is a status report for the month of November 1996 regarding the activities associated with the termination of all licensing activities at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Instrumentation Center (NIC).

The Termination Plan still has not been approved by FEMA management. However, specific activities have been approved as we reported last month.

The Radiation Control Committee met at Mt. Weather on November 1, 1996. The primary topics of concern were the activities associated with the termination of the facility.

During the month of October 1996, representatives of the U.S. Army Industrial Operations Command (IOC), the Department of Defense's Executive Agent for Low Level Radioactive Waste, and its subcontractors, Gutierrez-Palemborg, Inc, Phoenix, Arizona, and J.L. Shepherd and Associates, San Fernando, California, packaged and transported the following items to the Chem-Nuclear Consolidation Facility in Barnwell, South Carolina, and to J.L. Shepherd and Associates for ultimate disposal as radioactive waste. Bulk storage of these items were in Building 219 at the NIC. The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command's (CECOM) Safety Office provided radioactive protection oversight and support. Only 11 radioactive source sets remain at the NIC Mt. Weather facility. These are currently stored in Building 218 and access to Building 218 is being controlled.

a. Conditions 6.b.; 7.b.; 8.b.; and 9.b.; NRC License Number 08-01297-06: 829 each CDV-784/CDV-786 source sets to Barnwell, South Carolina.

b. Conditions 6.d.; 7.d.; 8.d.; and 9.d.; NRC License Number 08-01297-06: 1,427 each CDV-782 source sets to Barnwell, South Carolina.

c. Conditions 6.j.; 7.j.; 8.j.; and 9.j.; NRC License Number 08-01297-06: three each CDV-794, Model 1, Lionel Research Prototype Calibrators were packaged by and transported to J.L. Shepherd and Associates.

CECOM performed the necessary decommissioning survey of Building 219 during the November 6-13 time frame. They have verbally informed us that, based on their radiation instrument and wipe test surveys, the building meets decommissioning release criteria. A report is currently being prepared which will document the results of their survey and a copy will be provided to you after it is completed. We anticipate that Building 219 will be released for unrestricted use after the issuance of the report.

A memorandum has been sent to the FEMA Regions requesting that they survey their respective States to determine their continuing need for possession of FEMA loaned radiation sources and calibrators. Ownership of FEMA radiation sources and calibrators will be transferred to those States who wish to continue possession of them. We will attempt to dispose of those radiation sources and calibrators that we are unable to transfer ownership to the States.

CECOM is also assisting us in locating interested parties who will accept, and are authorized to possess, those high level Cesium 137 and Cobalt 60 calibrators that are at Mt. Weather. We hope to transfer most, if not all, of these items by this process.

I would be happy to discuss any questions or concerns that you or your staff have regarding this effort. I can be reached at (202) 646-3567.

Sincerely,



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