



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III
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November 14, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO: Richard Woodruff, State Agreements Officer, Region II
FROM: *James L. Lynch*
James L. Lynch, State Agreements Officer, Region III
SUBJECT: AMOCO OIL COMPANY, DECATUR, ALABAMA

On November 5, 1996, Ohmart Corporation, a Region III licensee, received an industrial gauge source holder, containing cesium-137 sources, from the subject Agreement State licensee. Upon opening the source holder, Ohmart identified that one of the sources was damaged and leaking. Personnel and facility contamination resulted.

During a subsequent inspection at Ohmart, Region III inspectors learned that the shipment of the source holder, by Amoco Oil, may not have been in accordance with Department of Transportation regulations. Our inspection findings are attached.

We suggest that you provide this information to the State of Alabama for consideration in their investigation at Amoco Oil.

If you need further information regarding this matter, please call.

Attachment: As stated

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