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COMPLIANCE INQUIRY MEMORANDUM  
AMERICAN POTASH AND CHEMICAL CORP.  
WEST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
LICENSE NO. STA-583 (DOCKET NO. 40-2061)

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On September 19, I telephoned Gerald Sinke, licensee RSO, and learned that the 1,350 mrem was the total for 3 monthly badges. Further that radiation levels at the office wall between the storage area and the employee's desk measured 2-5 mr/hr. Sinke stated since the employee never occupies his desk for more than a couple of hours a day, it is felt that most of the reading is to the badge and does not represent 1,350 mrem personnel exposure. The licensee's report states the employee's office will be moved away from the storage area. Sinke confirmed this during our telephone conversation. The licensee has advised the employee of the film badge exposure.

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