

May 30, 1996

Mr. Steven C. Collins
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Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety
1035 Outer Park Drive
Springfield, IL 62704

Dear Mr. Collins:

This letter is in response to your technical assistance request of June 1, 1995, regarding a proposal by Stan A. Huber Consultants, Inc., to use sand contaminated with depleted uranium in the manufacture of DOT-approved shipping containers. Your request was forwarded to the NRC Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). Their response, signed by Donald Cool, Ph.D, is enclosed.

We apologize for the lengthy delay in responding to your technical assistance request. As we stated in our telephone conversations regarding this action, this request involved policy areas which needed to be researched. The concerns noted in Mr. Ortziger's March 15, 1996 letter, regarding our late response, have been duly noted. We hope our response, albeit late, is helpful to the IDNS decision making process.

If you have any further questions, please contact me or the NMSS contact on the attachment.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Jim Lynch
State Agreements Officer

Enclosed: As stated

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