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Ronan Engineering Company
Measurements Division
ATTN: Bon Cahill, VP/GM
8050 Production Drive
Florence, Kentucky 41042

Dear Mr. Cahill:

I am responding to your letter dated May 27, 1999, in which you indicated that you will comply fully with our letter dated May 17, 1999. Our letter asked you to send a copy of Generic Letter 99-01 (GL 99-01), "Recent NMSS Decision Concerning Bundling of Exempt Quantities," to those customers who had received your devices using combined multiple exempt sources prior to their authorization under the general license. However, it was indicated to us by another manufacturer that GL 99-01 did not mention their situation as a company specifically authorized to distribute gauging devices, utilizing multiple exempt sources, to general licensees. Since Ronan Engineering Co., is also in this category, we are responding to you as well.

The generic letter, GL 99-01, was sent to our specific licensees to remind them of our exempt licensing requirements and it was also intended to indirectly inform persons exempt from all licensing requirements of our recommendations about devices utilizing multiple exempt sources. However, in order to address potential misinterpretations of GL 99-01, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will inform its materials licensees in the next available issue of its Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Newsletter that: 1) persons exempt from licensing requirements are not authorized to combine exempt quantity sources nor are they authorized to use devices containing combined multiple exempt quantity sources; 2) devices intended for distribution to general or specific licensees, and designed to use combined multiple exempt quantity sources, must first be evaluated and registered with NRC or an Agreement State; and 3) that Ronan Engineering Co., has been specifically licensed by the State of Kentucky to distribute their device Models RLL-2 Series to general licensees.

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You may send a copy of this letter to your customers to immediately help them understand that NRC and the State of Kentucky have already authorized the manufacture and distribution of generally licensed gauging devices utilizing multiple exempt sources.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Anthony Kirkwood, of my staff at (301) 415-6140.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Larry W. Camper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Larry W. Camper, Chief
Materials Safety and
Inspection Branch
Division of Industrial and
Medical Nuclear Safety
Office of Nuclear Materials Safety
and Safeguards

cc:
State of Kentucky
ATTN: Vicki Jeffs

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[orig. signed by]

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