



City of Cleveland

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February 7, 1996

Mr. John Madera
Branch Chief of Material
Inspection Branch #1
USNRC
801 Warrenville l.
Lisle, Ill. 60532-4351

Re: AMS-1020 London Rd.
USNRC No. 34-19089-01

Dear Mr. Madera,

It has come to the attention of the Division of Fire that a meeting has been set between the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) and Advanced Medical Systems, Inc. (AMS) on Monday, February 10, 1997. Having reviewed the meeting agenda, the Cleveland Fire Department has great interest particularly with regard to the status of the Building Recovery Project. Had the Division been given sufficient notice of this meeting, a representative from the Hazardous Material Section of the Fire Prevention Bureau would have attended.

The Division of Fire has over the years had great concern over the type of operations and associated hazards at this facility. Although there have been efforts to remove the sealed radiological sources from this AMS recently, the Cleveland Fire Department still believes that there could be a threat to emergency responders at this facility.

Of specific concern on the agenda is Task #8: Request Exemption from Emergency Plan Requirements. Although AMS may be under the 5000 curie requirement for maintenance of an Emergency Plan, the Cleveland Fire Department maintains that there still exists enough of a hazard with regard to unsealed sources in the contaminated areas of the facility. The possibility exists that emergencies other than fires (ie. medical; railroad accidents; structural failure) may occur at AMS that would require the Cleveland Fire Department and other emergency responders to make entry into the building. It is also possible that entry into the secured areas and/or contaminated areas of the building could expose or contaminate emergency responders from the existing unsealed sources.

The Division of Fire requests that AMS continue to maintain an Emergency Plan until such time that the ~~entire~~ facility is free of all radiological hazards. An Emergency Plan should be considered a working document in which both AMS and The Cleveland Fire Department can plan for the unexpected. A plan in which public health and safety can be upheld.

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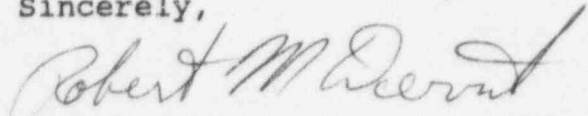
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Should you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, you may contact Lt. Mark J. Scott, Hazardous Material Coordinator, at (216) 664-6664.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert M. Derriit".

Robert M. Derriit, Acting Chief
Division of Fire

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