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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
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Reference: License No. 34-00410-02

Dear Mr. Sreniawski:

This letter is in response to your letter of September 30, 1985 in which you list certain activities of noncompliance with our license which resulted from your inspection of our facilities on September 5, 1985. We are responding to your Notice of Violation in chronological order:

1. The Radioisotopes Committee has been reorganized and includes an ex-officio member from the OARDC administration. The reorganized committee is chaired by Dr. Wayne L. Bacon and the first regular quarterly meeting was held on 9 Oct., 1985. Minutes of this meeting are in the Secretary's book. The ex-officio member of the committee will monitor frequency of meetings to insure compliance with the quarterly meeting statute.
2. The Radioisotopes Committee has approved the conditional approval of applications for use of licensed radioactive material if applications are submitted between regular quarterly meetings. The Radiation Safety Officer and Radioisotopes Committee chairman are the authorized individuals to grant conditional approval. Applications given conditional approval must be brought before the whole committee for approval at the next quarterly meeting.
3. Re-examination of existing records revealed that the indicated tests were up to date. Thus, the problem was one of record location. A summary sheet of tests on each sealed source has been initiated and filed in a central location. Additionally, new tests (all negative - no leaks) have been conducted on all sealed sources that are not in designated isotope storage areas.
4. We recognize the cited violation occurred. A letter was sent to the laboratory head when the violation occurred. The chairman of the Isotopes Committee and Radiation Safety Officer inspected all areas where licensed isotopes are currently used on 14 Oct., 1985 and found no violations of this type.

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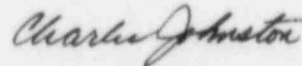
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We have addressed the specific items cited in the Notice of Violation. Concerning paragraph 4 of page 1 of your letter, we have initiated the following actions:

1. Appointment of myself as ex-officio member of our Radioisotopes Committee.
2. Reorganized the Radioisotopes Committee.
3. Initiation of a log of activities related to Radiation Safety by the Radiation Safety Officer.

I believe that we have responded in a responsible manner which has corrected our existing violations and will serve to prevent future problems. We would be pleased to have any additional suggestions which you might have for additional improvements for our handling of radioisotopes.

Sincerely,



Charles Johnston
Assistant Director

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cc: F. E. Hutchinson
Radioisotopes Committee