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November 27, 1984

Ms. Helen Malaskiewicz (115A)
VA Central Office
Washington, D.C. 20420

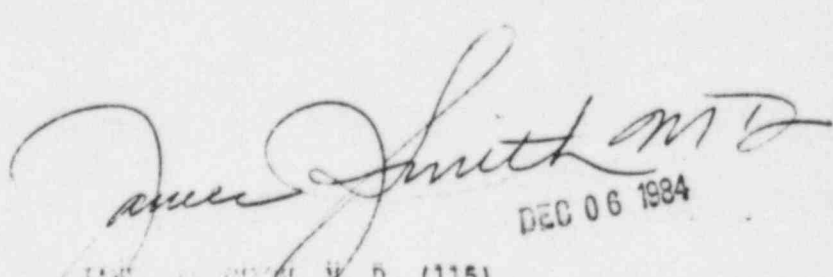
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SUBJ: Incineration of radioactive waste

1. Enclosed is a letter with two copies requested by Ms. Sandra McDonald at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to complete the packet concerning our request for incineration of radioactive waste.
2. Please forward this letter to Ms. McDonald for us.


B. F. Brown
Medical Center Director

Enclosures


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Director, Nuclear Medicine Service
VA Central Office
Washington, D.C. 20420B603210323 B60228
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In Reply Refer To:

Nuclear Medicine (114B)



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Your application should be directed to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region II, 101 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30323, Attn: Mr. Paul Guinn.

If I can assist you further in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecil B. Brown".

Cecil B. Brown, Head
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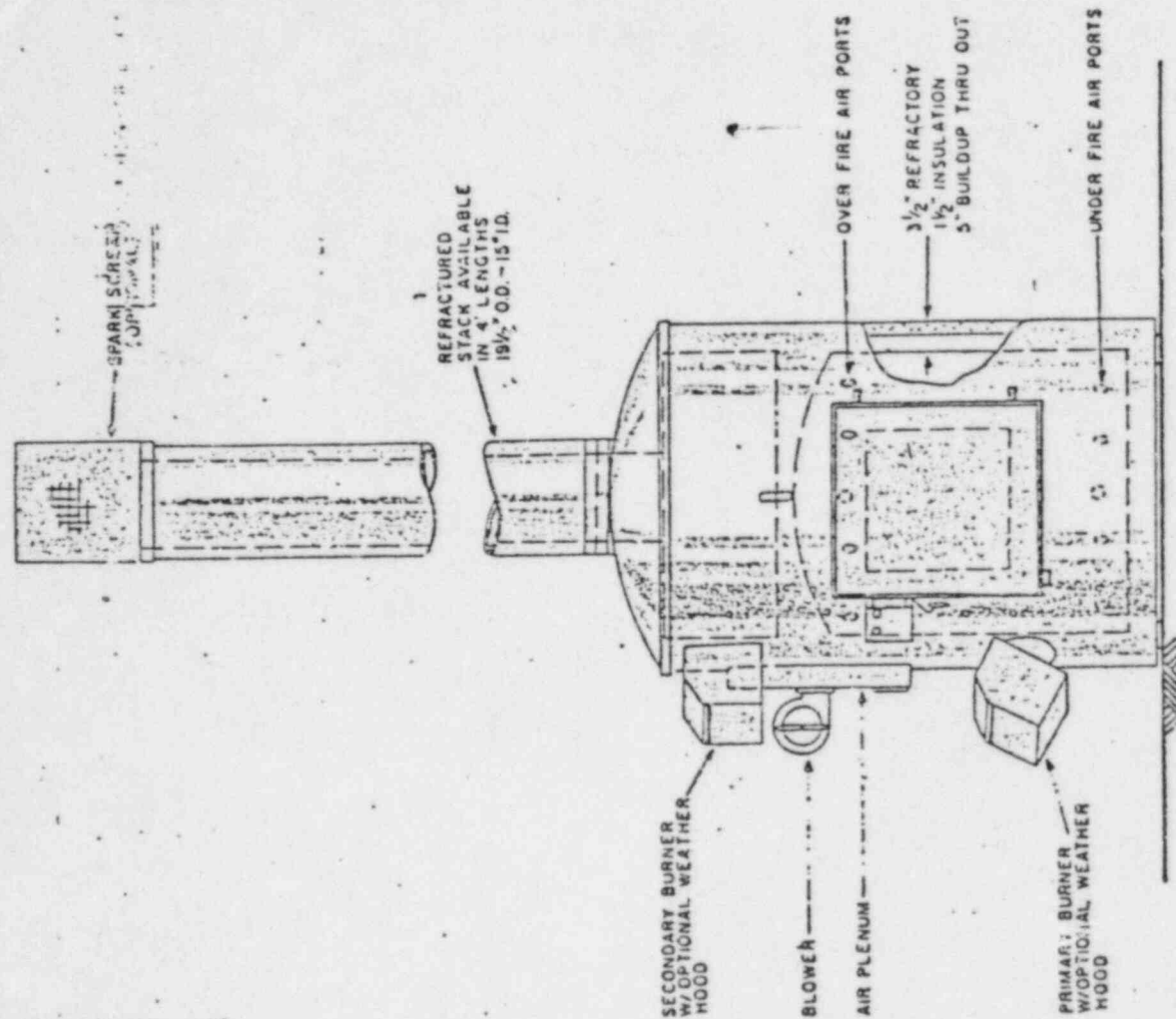
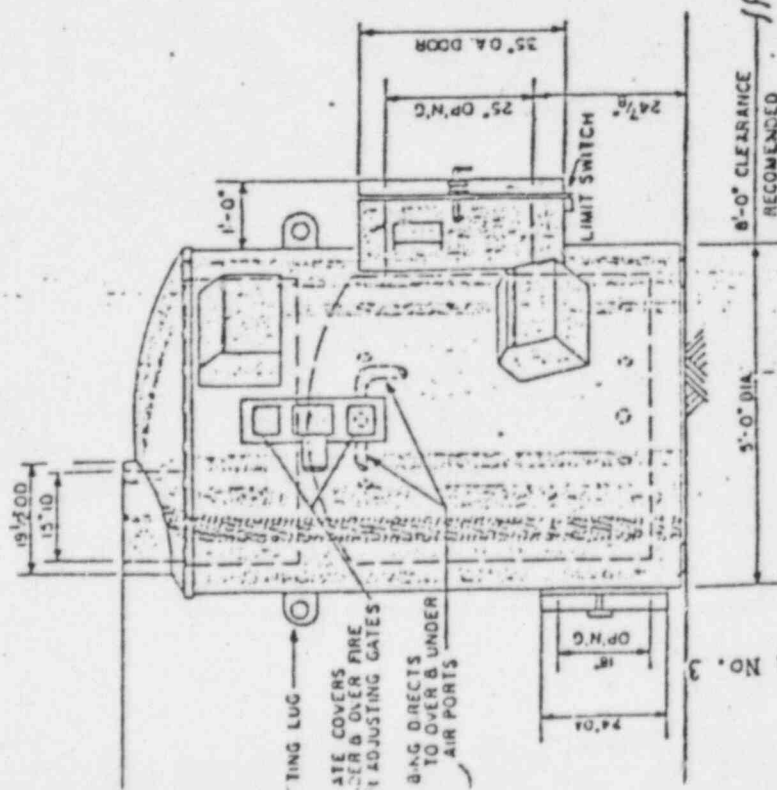
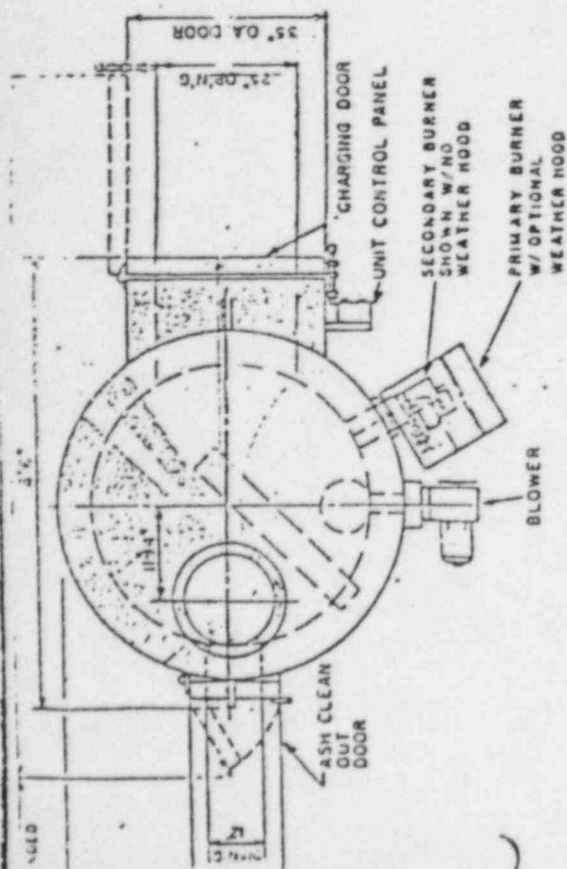
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		SUNBEAM EQUIPMENT CORP.
		LANSDALE, PA.
		TITLE: A-22 COMBUSTION UNIT
		FOR: STANDARD
		SA 22-76

Enclosure No. 3

Standard Specifications
MODEL A-22 Pathological

- Burning Capacity Type 4 - 290 lbs. per hour
- Burning Capacity Type 0 - 170 lbs. per hour
- Burning Capacity Type 1 - 220 lbs. per hour
- Burning Capacity Type 2 - 320 lbs. per hour
- Hearth Area - 12.5 sq. ft.
- Primary Volume - 56.70 cu. ft.
- Secondary Volume - 19.64 cu. ft.
- Charging Door - 25" wide x 25" high effective opening. Free swing refractory lined door.
- Ash Door - 12" wide x 18" high effective opening. Free swing refractory lined door.
- Burners
 - a) Primary - One (1) J-120 - 50,000 to 1,200,000 adjustable burner.
 - b) Secondary - One (1) J-80 - 50,000 to 800,000 adjustable burner.
- Electrical Requirements - 110 volt, 60 cycle, single-phase, 20 amp.
- Gas Requirements - 5" to 15" W.C. at combustion unit. Maximum gas consumption natural gas 2,000 cu. ft. gas per hour.
- Shell - 3/16" steel plate
- Refractory - 3-1/2" castable 2600° service temperature.
1-1/2" block insulation 1900° service temperature.
- Controls - Weatherproof Nema box with two timers located at charging door. 0-60 minute timer for the primary burner and 0-20 hour timer for the secondary burner. Temperature controller with thermowell high-low burner control in the primary chamber. Limit switch on the charging door turns off the primary burner when the charging door is open.
- Air Supply - 1/3 HP blower with external air flow, adjustable vs
- Approximate Weight - 8800 lbs.
- Paint - One coat high heat primer. One coat high heat blue modified silicon.
- Stack - Minimum of two (2) 4' long refractory lined sections, 15" I.D. x 19-1/2" O.D. required.

Stack
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JUL 23 1979

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE
NATIONAL AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

Date: September 1, 1970
Reply to: FF - DA
Airtel of:
Subject: Compliance Test - Comtro Inc., Model A-20 incinerator
To: All Federal Agencies

1. We have received a report prepared by an independent testing concern on the compliance test of the Comtro, Model A-20 incinerator, manufactured by:

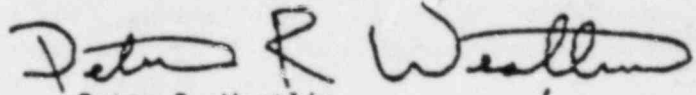
Comtro Inc.
North Wales, Pennsylvania 19454

2. The test results show that the incinerator will meet the emission standards in the Code of Federal Regulations (42 CFR 76.8) when burning Type 4 waste and based on the test results and a comparison of design parameters, it is believed that the following incinerators will meet Federal emission standards while operating at the rated capacities shown below:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Capacity lb/hr</u>	<u>Primary Burner Input BTU/hr</u>	<u>Secondary Burner Input BTU/hr</u>
A-20	100	400,000	400,000
A-22	300	600,000	600,000
A-25	400	1,200,000	800,000
A-26	450	1,600,000	800,000
A-35	800	2,800,000	1,200,000
A-39	1350	3,200,000	1,200,000

Contact the Emission Testing Branch of the Environmental Protection Agency if additional information concerning the test report and/or the evaluation is required. The manufacturer should be contacted if information concerning design details is desired.

Sincerely yours,

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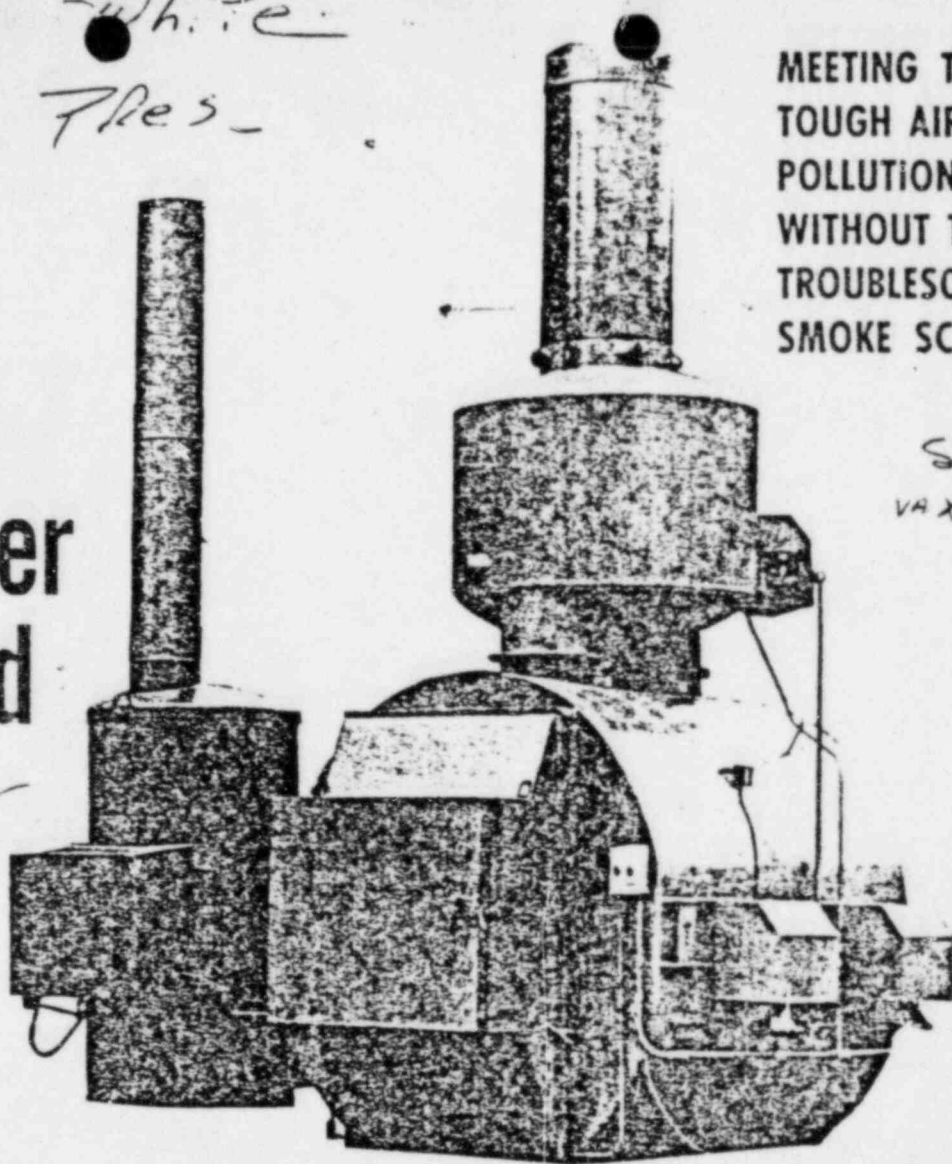
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Emission Testing Branch
Applied Technology Division

Gene White
Vice Pres.

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TOUGH AIR
POLLUTION CODES
WITHOUT THE USE OF
TROUBLESOME WET
SMOKE SCRUBBERS

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VAX 1429

COMTRO

Controlled Combustion Units

North Wales
Pennsylvania 15454
(215) 695-4421
A Subsidiary of Stainless Inc.



Refractory lined flue stays clean and unaffected by heat.

Lined with protective insulation and high temperature caustic refractory for long life.

After burner scientifically designed to completely burn smoke and eliminate fly ash.

Easy loading door for hand loading or access for material handling equipment.

Only 8 feet of stack necessary since natural draft is not required.

All Burners supplied with weather covers for outdoor or indoor use.

Completely packaged units built on skids for easy installation or future relocation.

Pyrometer for complete temperature and fuel control. When waste is supplying its own BTU's no other fuel is needed for combustion.

COMTRO RATED CAPACITIES

MODEL	A-20	A-22	A-25	A-35	A-39
#1 Waste lbs. per hr.	155	220	190	550	900
#2 Waste lbs. per hr.	230	320	250	800	1350
#0 Waste lbs. per hr.	115	170	130	420	600
Pathological lbs. per hr.	100	300	400	800	1300
Estimated weight per unit	4900	6200	9100	19400	26500

#1 Waste - Highly combustible paper, wood and including no more than 10% treated paper, rubber and plastics.

#2 Waste - Combustible waste paper, cartons - rags and floor sweepings - 25% moisture.

#0 Waste - Rubbish and garbage - 50% moisture.

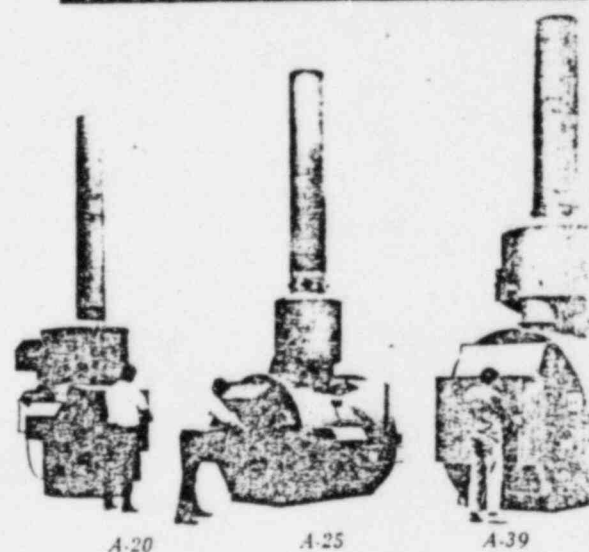
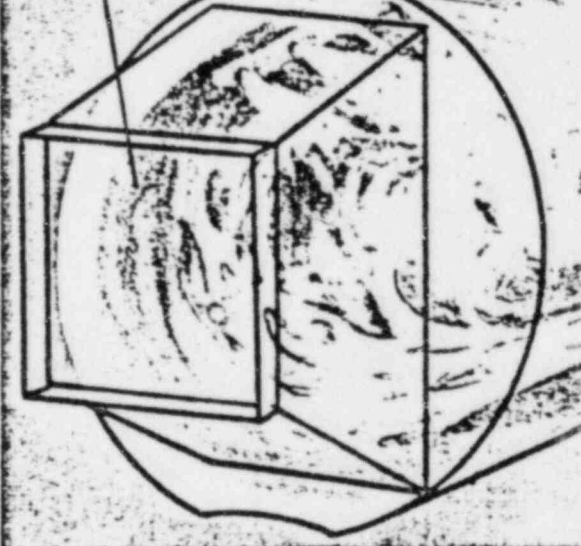
#3, 5, & 6 Waste capacities on request.

Capacities can vary depending on degree of compaction, percentage of moisture, and also if the waste is to be manually or automatic loaded.

LARGER UNITS AVAILABLE ON SPECIAL ORDER

Temperature Controlled Forced Air Systems

Trash is loaded by hand or material handling equipment (conveyor, screws, compactors, etc.) into combustion chamber. Door is designed so that hand loading can be done without danger. Materials handling equipment is usually automatic.



Comtro Controlled Combustion Units are made in five basic sizes. These sizes are useable for a wide range of capacities. Experience has shown that units of these capacities (see table at left) can handle the refuse disposal requirements of institutions, supermarkets, industrial plants, etc., under normal operating time cycles. Comtro will gladly discuss any requirements in excess of those covered by these units.

Clean heat is carried off swiftly into atmosphere through refractory lined flue.

Here again, Comtro's exclusive design, creating circumferential circulation, extends the time of combustion for complete combustion before releasing clean heat into the flue.

The after-burner unit is also tangentially mounted to retain turbulence and combustibility of any unburned solids or unburned gases causing smoke. Complete combustion is accomplished in the after burner section. No smoke or fly ash is left to go out the flue.

Over-fire and under-fire air is constantly forced in by blower to accelerate and aid turbulence and to support complete combustion.

The flame of the burner unit is directed tangentially at material as it falls to floor of the combustion chamber. Thus immediate combustion and turbulence are accomplished. Flame from burner creates a circumferential circulation which does not allow waste to pack tightly or gather on floor. The waste is blown apart from the force of the flame and becomes surrounded by flame and kept in a constant combustible environment for sufficient time, which has been extended by the circumferential circulation.

All burner units are a standard packaged product produced by a reputable manufacturer. The burners are adjustable over a wide range of capacities to properly incinerate varying charges with maximum efficiency. These burners are not draft sensitive. Superior safety characteristics are built-in.



All Comtro units have fool-proof semi or fully automatic control systems. By use of a limit switch on the unit door or automatic loader, we automatically control air flow, proper temperature and gas retention time. All control components are commercially available.



COMTRO

Controlled Combustion Units

Engineered for your waste disposal problems

The disposal of waste material, trash and rubbish has become one of today's major problems. The high cost of "Rubbish Men" with litter, odors, disruptive and uncertain time of pick-up; with space at a premium; with concern over disposal of confidential matter for security; these all become factors worthy of consideration.

Many of those concerned are finding that on-site disposal can be the better, less costly and more convenient way to handle trash. And they are finding Comtro Controlled Combustion Units, which have been engineered and researched by a staff of combustion engineers and materials handling engineers with over two decades of experience, to be a practical, economical solution.

Whether it's your existing location or you are contemplating a new structure, our engineering staff will assist you, through our dealer, with all of the details of locating and installing a Comtro unit.

Competent assistance can also be given in the form of a survey of your disposal problem. The survey will show advantages, such as lower monthly cost (quick write-off) compared to the permanently mounting monthly costs using the rubbish truck. Also the advantages of various purchase plans including a liberal lease-purchase plan which will enable you to benefit from having a new, modern "Air Pollution Approved" Comtro Controlled Combustion Unit.

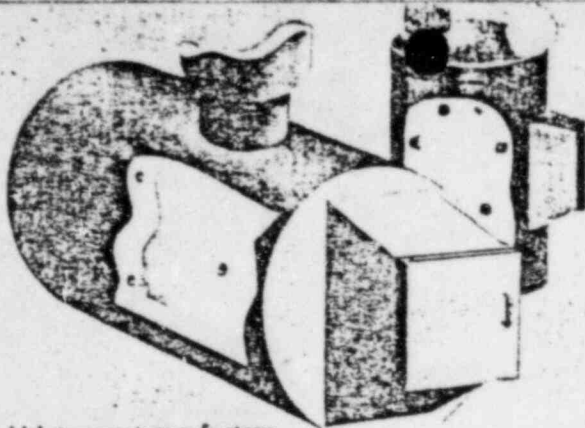
Great care has gone into the design of every part of Comtro Controlled Combustion Units. Some of the features have been highlighted above.

The burners with which each unit is equipped have superior safety characteristics, as follows:

1. Proven blower operation — Blower motor must be in operation before gas valves will energize.
2. Burners have high-temperature safety as an integral part of its safety system.
3. Separate pilot flame proving — pilot flame must be electrically proven prior to energizing the main gas valves.
4. Blowers are computer selected to provide the precise amount of air to completely consume smoke and fly ash.

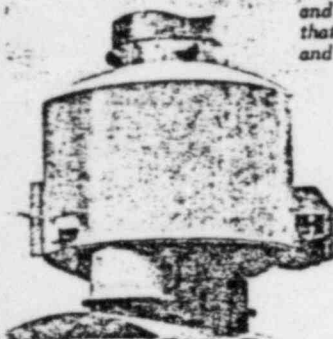
These superior burners also take advantage, through the design of the total unit, of the forward velocity of the flame which penetrates and causes turbulence to the charge for uniform drying and ignition.

No Grate Design: There are no grates to clog or clean. Only occasional cleaning of a fine powdery ash or small non-combustible clinker is necessary.



able high temperature refractory
ing of combustion chamber. Block
ulation is waterproofed and an-
ved to allow necessary movement.
ckness of castable insulation has
n computer determined. Thus you
e long life and cool operation
every Comtro Unit.

After-burner — Of similar construct-
ion as the main combustion chamber,
this unit reburns the smoke, gases
and fumes, producing a stack effluent
that is smoke and odor free. Servicing
and parts replacement are simplified.



Computer Selected

Comtro combustion engineers were assisted in the
design stage by our company owned I.B.M. computer, and
continue to use it effectively in their research and development
projects.

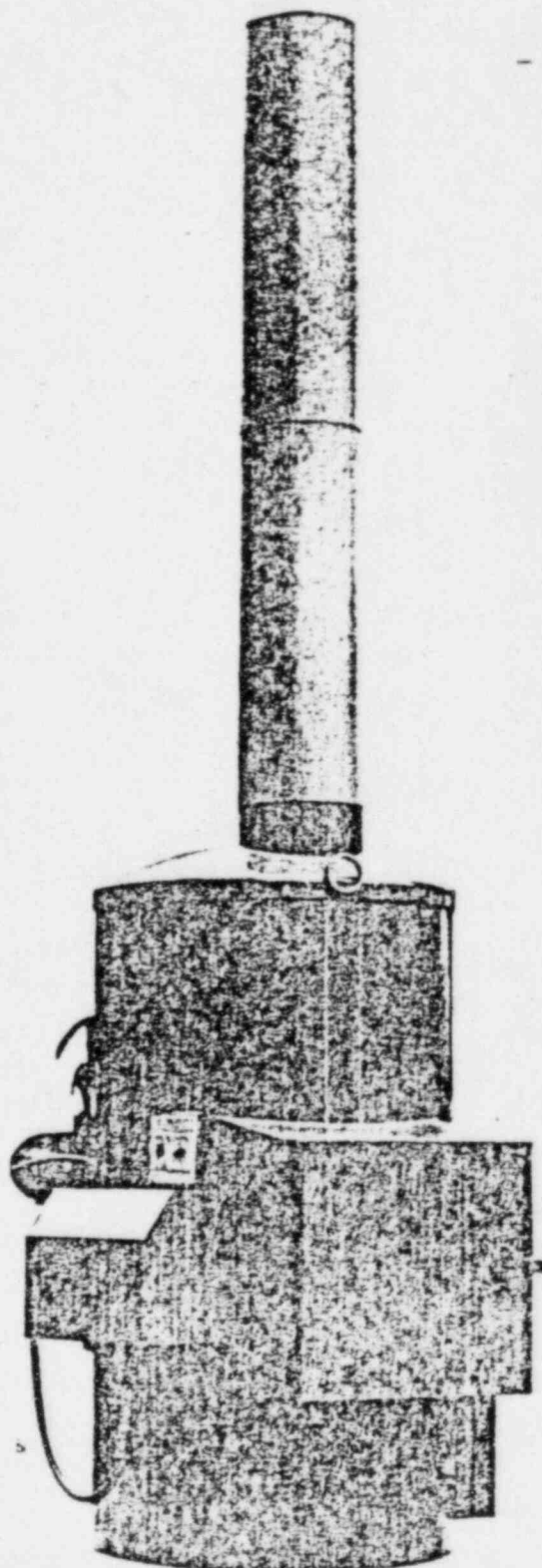
Each waste application is calculated for capacity rating by com-
puting temperature, volumes, velocities and BTU input to in-
sure proper sizing and overall design of each Comtro Controlled
Combustion Unit.

COMTROL

UPRIGHTS

A-20 & A-22

The Ideal Answer for Schools,
Nursing Homes, Hospitals or Path-
ological Laboratories, Light Indus-
try, Drive-ins, Restaurants, Veteri-
narians, or anyone with dry or wet
waste.



Your waste disposal need not be a problem.

Hospitals.

The special problems of urban and suburban hospital waste disposal can be overcome with a Comtro Unit. All normal trash, garbage and medical and pathological waste can be disposed of and still maintain health and air pollution standards. Operating costs can be lowered considerably over the present compacted container waste disposal methods in practice in many hospitals today.

Industrial Plants.

Many plants produce a mixed rubbish of paper, cardboard, etc. Others have specific waste disposal problems relating to their production. Comtro Controlled Combustion Units can dramatically reduce waste disposal costs for all types of waste. Plastic molders, paper mills, furniture plants, etc., can all benefit. Materials handling equipment can be supplied for specific requirements.

Supermarkets, Drive-ins, Restaurants.

Paper and boxboard packaging, bags, sacks, vegetable and other organic waste can be disposed of without adding to the labor force. Contract pick-up costs can be eliminated, space utilized better and unsightly odorous piles of trash eliminated. Comtro units are available for thru the wall, inside, outside and automatic loading.

Airports.

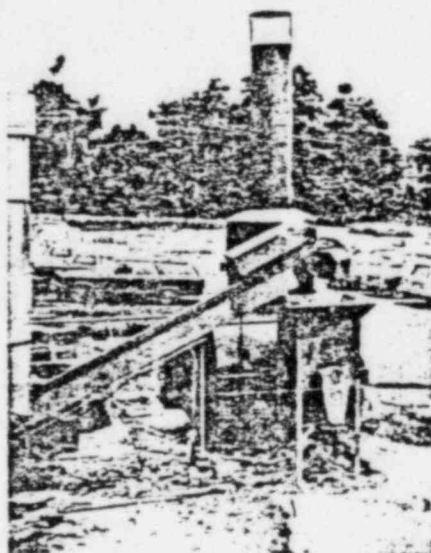
The trash collected daily at large airports from workshop and ramp areas, coffee shops and restaurants, etc., can all be disposed of at low cost... without separation... without creating a safety hazard and by present labor with a Comtro Controlled Combustion Unit.

A full line of packaged standard waste material handling equipment available for Comtro Controlled Combustion Units

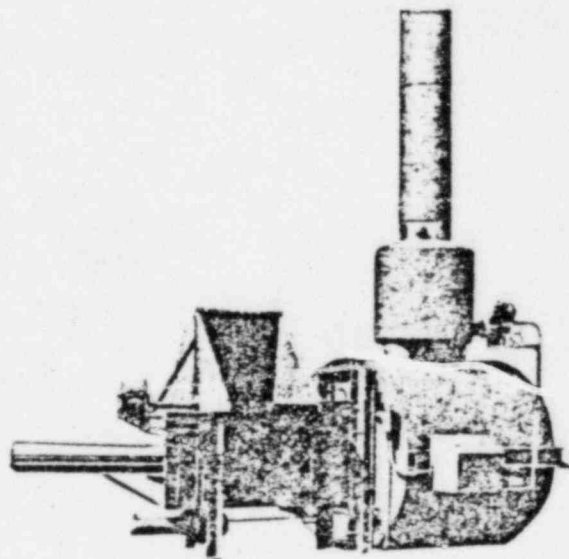
Tested and Approved

Comtro Controlled Combustion Units have been thoroughly tested by United States Testing Company, Incorporated, Hoboken, N.J., and others to T-6 and H.E.W. test methods for particulate emissions in con-

nection with the amount of waste fed, and their findings show that Comtro equipment far exceeds all federal, state and local air pollution requirements without the use of wet scrubbing equipment. Copies of these tests are available on request.



A-35 with Screw Feed



A-25 with Rotor Compactor

AUTOMATIC LOADERS

A standard package loader available for every need.

1. Comtro Rotor Loader Compactor for super market and accounts with large cardboard box accumulations.
2. Comtro In Line Loader Compactor for light industry, hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants and schools.
3. Comtro Heavy Duty Hopper Loader Compactor for heavy industry waste which may include pallets, light gauge steel strapping and lumber.
4. Comtro Screw Feeders for sludge, plastic and any screw adaptable waste.

5. Combustible Liquid Feeders using pumping or atomizing techniques in conjunction with solid waste burning.
6. Hopper Type Air Lock Feeders for sawdust, and other light granule waste.
7. Thru-the-wall manual or automatic loading is available to eliminate internal theft via rubbish box.

All our automatic loaders are adaptable to your present or future materials handling systems.

WARRANTY "Comtro, Inc. guarantees all materials and components of Comtro units designed, manufactured or assembled by Comtro under proper and normal use, (erosion, corrosion and spark ignitors excepted) against defective design and workmanship for a period of one year after shipment (except such items as motors and electronic equipment, on which Comtro's suppliers' guarantees of 90 days shall apply) and agrees to repair or replace all such materials or components F.O.B. our plant. Such repair or replacement by Comtro, Inc. or its dealers constitutes a discharge of all Comtro Inc. liabilities. The foregoing warranty is exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties whether written, oral or implied." Dealer shall provide to his customer all warranty services without obligation on the part of the Manufacturer in connection with the foregoing warranty including the installation of warranted replacement parts supplied by the Manufacturer.

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North Wales, Pennsylvania 19454
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Plants: Perkaspie, Pa. and Pine Forge, Pa.
Canada: Office: Walcan Limited, Toronto, Ontario
Plant: Carleton Place, Ontario

*Tomorrow's combustion
unit... today*

Installation and Service

Your local dealer who sells you your Comtro Controlled Combustion Unit will also be responsible for installation and service of your unit. Only reputable, well-established organizations capable of such services are Comtro dealers. They can be depended upon to have both the facilities and capabilities of making the installation for you with full consideration of your location, local requirements and waste disposal needs.

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Local Climatological Data

Annual Summary With Comparative Data

1982

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA



Narrative Climatological Summary

The Raleigh-Durham Airport is located in the zone of transition between the Coastal Plain and the Piedmont Plateau. The surrounding terrain is rolling, with an average elevation of around 400 feet; the range over a 10-mile radius is roughly between 200 and 550 feet. Being centrally located between the mountains on the west and the coast on the south and east, the Raleigh-Durham area enjoys a favorable climate. The mountains form a partial barrier to cold airmasses moving eastward from the interior of the Nation. As a result, there are very few days in the heart of the winter season when the temperature falls below the 20° mark. The average length of freeze-free growing season in the area is about 210 days, the average latest freeze in spring occurring around the first week in April and the first in fall about November 1. The average date of last occurrence in spring of a 28° temperature is around March 15; of 24°, March 1. In fall the average first occurrence of 28°, is about November 20; of 24°, December 1. Tropical air is present over the eastern and central sections of North Carolina during much of the summer season, bringing warm temperatures and rather high humidities to the Raleigh-Durham area frequently during the summer. Afternoon temperatures reach 90° or higher an average of about every fourth day in the middle of the summer, but reach 100° an average of less than once per year. Even in the hottest weather, early morning temperatures almost always drop into the lower seventies.

Rainfall is well distributed throughout the year as a whole. July has, on an average, the greatest amount of rainfall, and November the least. There are times in spring and summer when soil moisture is scanty. This usually results from too many days between rains rather than from a shortage of total rainfall, but occasionally the accumulated total during the growing season falls short of plant needs. Most summer rain is produced by thundershowers, which may occasionally be accompanied by strong winds, intense rains, and hail. The Raleigh-Durham area is far enough from the coast so that the bad weather effects of coastal storms are reduced. While snow and sleet usually occur each year, excessive accumulations of snow are rare.

From September 1887 to December 1950, the office was located in the downtown areas of Raleigh. The various buildings occupied were within an area of three blocks. All thermometers were exposed on the roof, and this, plus the smoke over the City, had an effect on the temperature record of that period. Lowest temperatures at the city office were frequently from 2° to 5° higher than those recorded in surrounding rural areas. Conversely, maximum temperatures in the City were generally a degree or two lower. Thus, the average daily temperatures at the old city office exposure were not very different from those in surrounding areas. These observations are supported by a period of simultaneous record from the Municipal Airport and the city office location between 1937 and 1940.

From September 1946 to May 1954, simultaneous records were kept at a surface location on North Carolina State College campus in Raleigh, and at the Raleigh-Durham Airport 10-1/2 air miles to the northwest. Minimum temperatures of this period are generally from 2° to 5° lower at the airport; these readings are believed to be representative of the surrounding countryside, and of suburban residential areas of Raleigh and Durham. Maximum temperatures recorded at the two stations were usually identical.

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ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE,
DATA, AND INFORMATION SERVICE

NATIONAL CLIMATIC DATA CENTER
ASHEVILLE, N.C.

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Meteorological Data For The Current Year

Station	PALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA # 13722										RALEIGH-DURHAM AIRPORT										Standard time used										EASTERN										Latitude 35 12										Longitude 78 42 W										Elevation (ground) 436 feet										Year 1992																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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	Daily maximum	Daily minimum	Monthly	Highest	Lowest	Date	Lowest	Date	Heating	Cooling	Total	Greatest in 24 hrs	Date	Total	Greatest in 24 hrs	Date	Hour	Hour	Hour	Hour	Direction	Average speed m.p.h.	Speed m.p.h.	Direction	Date	Percent of non-freezing time	Average ice charge mm	Sunrise to sunset	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy	Precipitation 0.1 inch or more	Snow, ice pellets 1.0 inch or more	Thunderstorms	Heavy fog, visibility 1 mile or less	BC and above	2nd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd and below	3rd 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Meteorological Data For The Current Year

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Normals, Means, And Extremes

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a) Length of record, years, through the current year unless otherwise noted.
b) 70° and above at Alaskan stations.
c) Less than one half.
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Average Temperature

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1947	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1948	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1949	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1950	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1951	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1952	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1953	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1954	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1955	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1956	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1957	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1958	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1959	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1960	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1961	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1962	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1963	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1964	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1965	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1966	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1967	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1968	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1969	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1970	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1971	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1972	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1973	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1974	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1975	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1976	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1977	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1978	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1979	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1980	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1981	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
1982	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4
RECORD	41.4	45.4	49.4	54.7	59.7	64.4	69.7	74.1	78.1	81.4	84.4	87.4	64.4

Heating Degree Days

RALEIGH, NC

Season	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total
1947-48	0	0	61	144	510	832	470	703	354	193	84	4	1874
1948-49	0	0	57	144	413	951	735	445	205	54	0	0	1722
1949-50	0	1	75	305	785	445	754	614	478	232	0	15	1404
1950-51	0	5	7	208	414	452	894	629	473	243	72	12	1633
1951-52	0	0	11	214	425	709	673	721	341	151	105	11	1311
1952-53	0	0	35	189	539	574	855	724	391	213	67	0	1717
1953-54	0	0	0	151	394	821	844	647	447	193	61	0	1740
1954-55	0	0	45	222	541	447	849	725	514	200	74	0	1233
1955-56	0	0	22	154	440	484	843	754	411	258	67	0	1775
1956-57	0	0	3	61	494	454	673	714	478	237	51	14	1311
1957-58	0	0	8	238	504	574	740	692	334	231	88	0	1942
1958-59	0	0	2	174	312	490	841	614	394	187	48	0	1804
1959-60	0	0	44	244	501	444	841	549	553	293	34	0	1461
1960-61	0	0	17	117	351	705	843	424	300	194	52	4	1011
1961-62	0	0	7	302	444	457	1143	715	554	132	44	14	1785
1962-63	0	0	4	283	411	748	914	683	514	194	83	0	1454
1963-64	0	0	7	184	292	627	793	742	394	183	43	8	1327
1964-65	0	0	13	194	394	441	753	820	544	130	51	0	1344
1965-66	0	0	14	225	477	747	753	543	374	149	99	0	1444
1966-67	0	0	31	251	425	774	607	534	411	244	15	0	1404
1967-68	0	0	14	182	392	547	753	820	544	130	51	0	1344

Cooling Degree Days

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1947	0	0	0	0	12	103	295	413	743	124	24	0	1744
1948	0	0	0	0	4	113	234	350	727	278	38	0	1343
1949	0	0	0	0	6	74	327	344	329	232	41	17	1402
1950	0	0	0	0	5	37	34	170	342	334	177	4	1157
1951	0	0	0	0	24	24	61	710	343	345	254	48	1478
1952	0	0	0	0	25	51	130	210	343	347	149	7	1325
1953	0	0	0	0	3	27	141	249	437	210	34	12	1452
1954	0	0	0	0	31	71	114	304	339	730	157	14	1444
1955	0	0	0	0	2	4	44	142	770	440	245	25	1401
1956	0	0	0	0	2	30	120	120	412	444	275	21	1401
1957	0	0	0	0	4	24	105	154	332	344	205	44	1275
1958	0	0	0	0	45	190	304	441	440	371	54	4	1407
1959	0	0	0	0	21	54	75	425	447	704	139	14	1422
1960	0	0	0	0	3	24	204	244	443	343	143	53	1444

Precipitation

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1947	4.40	1.24	4.54	2.47	1.45	4.75	4.44	3.17	2.47	0.91	1.72	3.53	42.04
1948	4.24	1.14	4.14	1.55	2.75	3.17	3.47	4.54	1.45	3.27	2.73	3.74	37.44
1949	1.45	3.14	1.43	2.44	2.47	1.40	10.05	3.25	12.44	2.14	2.04	55.04	55.04
1950	3.53	3.74	1.42	4.47	4.43	3.42	4.14	5.17	4.22	2.51	2.04	51.04	51.04
1951	4.40	1.20	2.74	1.17	1.47	3.34	2.44	4.44	4.29	4.24	1.14	4.54	44.44
1952	4.24	3.44	3.44	2.47	1.47	1.42	2.44	3.44	3.44	4.22	5.14	51.35	51.35
1953	2.47	3.14	1.44	2.44	1.44	1.44	5.14	4.47	5.47	2.54	2.11	1.45	43.52
1954	2.47	1.47	2.47	1.44	1.44	1.44	2.47	4.47	3.71	3.71	1.34	2.44	37.44
1955	1.47	1.44	2.47	4.44	1.77	3.34	4.44	4.03	1.34	2.40	0.71	3.24	34.44
1956	4.43	3.45	4.21	2.47	3.44	1.40	4.14	1.71	1.34	4.40	3.03	44.14	44.14
1957	4.10	3.44	4.43	4.47	1.77	3.44	0.40	2.40	3.44	0.44	1.45	44.44	44.44
1958	7.52	1.77	4.44	4.47	3.45	1.12	5.14	0.40	4.47	4.45	2.53	2.04	41.43
1959	2.52	3.43	1.54	2.47	1.45	2.13	4.14	10.44	4.33	1.44	2.34	0.54	40.44
1960	1.05	4.70	3.37	4.74	1.44	4.43	4.43	1.31	3.74	3.14	1.34	2.44	34.44
1961	2.47	4.40	2.25	1.44	5.44	4.03	2.15	4.45	4.44	1.71	4.53	3.42	44.24
1962	3.43	3.24	2.55	5.07	4.45	4.40	4.47	4.23	1.14	2.44	1.03	4.24	44.57
1963	1.77	3.14	3.22	5.43	2.53	2.54	4.43	5.42	3.52	4.53	2.54	2.75	44.45
1964	4.54	5.24	4.44	4.57	5.07	2.53	7.47	5.43	3.05	2.24	0.44	1.42	44.00
1965	3.44	5.75	4.37	2.23	2.44	4.05	3.10	4.52	1.25	1.14	2.10	4.74	41.11
1966	4.54	2.74	4.45	3.22	1.37	4.47	1.47	4.44	1.44	1.14	1.14	4.27	44.27
1967	2.44	3.47	3.40	1.77	4.05	1.72	1.51	2.10	2.77	4.44	7.04	1.24	34.41
1968	3.44	4.11	2.43	3.39	0.47	3.44	4.04	5.44	5.24	3.44	1.34	4.13	42.41
1969	1.47	2.47	4.04	1.51	2.70	4.12	5.44	3.00	4.45	1.77	1.23	2.54	34.42
1970	5.42	4.74	1.41	2.02	4.45	3.44	0.41	5.74	3.54	2.01	2.04	2.41	34.40
1971	1.44	3.40	1.42	3.07	1.53	1.57	3.44	4.27	1.74	2.24	2.14	4.47	34.54
1972	2.44	3.00	2.22	3.03	3.42	1.74	5.15	1.00	1.77	5.15	3.54	2.75	35.40
1973	1.45	3.47	3.45	3.43	4.45	4.41	4.44	4.11	4.21	2.40	1.01	3.31	41.52
1974	2.24	3.47	4.04	2.07	1.34	4.47	3.44	4.47	1.20	4.47	1.54	1.57	34.41
1975	3.24	3.45	3.44	2.54	4.44	2.74	4.44	4.24	3.71	7.51	1.41	1.44	45.44
1976	1.47	4.11	2.50	1.47	3.34	1.14	4.47	5.40	3.44	5.44	4.44	3.44	51.74
1977	2.47	5.10	4.44	4.40	3.44	3.14	3.14	4.44	1.11	4.40	4.01	4.34	44.44
1978	3.44	2.47	3.34	1.12	1.47	4.07	1.54	4.44	4.42	3.71	1.21	1.74	44.42
1979	4.49	4.45	4.46	3.44	3.44	1.44	3.44	2.11	3.77	1.27	4.40	4.04	44.43
1980	3.47	2.44	1.47	2.73	4.74	2.55	1.00	1.52	4.44	3.47	1.44	4.04	53.71
1981	2.42	2.17	3.43	1.49	1.54	0.44	0.44	1.27	1.44	5.04	2.22	1.71	37.10
1982	7.03	1.43	4.47	6.10	4.20	0.44	3.47	1.44	1.17	1.44	1.17	3.24	42.42
1983	5.71	5.55	2.49	2.43	2.11	3.27	4.44	1.44	4.44	1.44	4.73	0.44	45.37
1984	4.39	1.43	1.47	1.77	2.12	4.44	2.11	1.47	3.74	2.45	2.47	1.42	35.44
1985	0.47	5.47	2.35	1.43	4.24	0.55	5.44	5.04	2.70	4.44	0.44	4.44	34.34
1986	3.43	4.47	1.07	1.13	4.40	4.34	3.34	1.43	1.55	5.43	2.14	4.42	44.35
RECORD YEAR	3.44	2.44	3.70	2.41	3.44	4.14	5.27	5.47	3.72	7.07	2.54	3.44	44.44

STATION LOCATION

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Location	Occupied from	Occupied to	Airline distance and direction from previous location	Latitude North	Longitude West	Elevation above										Remarks
						Sea level	Ground								Type	
							Ground at temperature site	Wind instruments	Exhaust thermometer	Psychrometer	Swathes	Tipping bucket rain gage	Weighting rain gage	8" rain gage		
CITY																
W. C. Experiment Farm 2 miles W of Post- Office on Hillsboro Road	1/1/87	9/6/87	NA	35° 47'	78° 40'	435	10	7	7					2		
Agriculture Building NW corner Edenton & Halifax Streets	9/6/87	9/30/96	2 mi. E	35° 47'	78° 37'	360	80	70	70					2		
Fisher Building 3rd Floor NE corner Fayetteville Street & Exchange	9/30/96	8/1/08	0.13 mi. S	35° 47'	78° 37'	363	79	71	71			64		64		
Masonic Temple, 4th Fl. NE corner Fayetteville & Hargett Streets	8/1/08	12/12/40	300 ft. W	35° 47'	78° 37'	345	110 #146	103	103			94		94		a - Raised 6/14/30.
Administration Building 2nd Floor Raleigh Municipal AP 3.5 miles S of P. O.	12/12/40	12/2/44	3.5 mi. S	35° 45'	78° 37'	363	69	27	27			25	b5	25		b - Installed 8/19/41.
1911 Building W. C. State College 2400 block Hillsboro Street	12/2/44	5/2/54	3.75 mi. NNW	35° 47'	78° 38'	400	71	58 c6	58 c6			56 d4		56 d4	e6	c - Moved to field site 9/18/46. d - Moved to field site 11/7/46. e - Installed in 1946. Consolidated at Airport.
AIRPORT																
Headquarters Building 1506, Raleigh-Durham AP	5/17/44	5/16/54	10.5 mi. NW of Raleigh Post Office	35° 52'	78° 47'	438	10 f32	7	6			3		4		Thermometers relocated in Weather Bureau standard instrument shelter 12/10/53. f - Effective 9/27/49.
Weather Bureau Bldg. Raleigh-Durham Airport	5/17/54	12/14/79	0.5 mi. SSW	35° 52'	78° 47'	433 #434	26 120	7 m	7 m	13 g18 h17		p4	4	4 n3	j4	NA Airport and City offices consolidated 5/17/54. g - Effective 11/1/54. h - Effective 4/7/59. i - Effective 4/18/63. j - Commissioned 2000' E of thermometer site 11/1/64. k - Effective 11/1/64. m - Removed 8/13/68. n - Effective 8/19/68. p - Added 10/1/74.
Old Cargo Building Raleigh-Durham Airport	12/14/79	Present	0.25 mi. W	35° 52'	78° 47'	416	420	5	5	31		3	4	4 q4	NA	q - Not moved 12/14/79.

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MEASUREMENTS OF EFFLUENT RADIOACTIVITY DURING THE INCINERATION
OF CARCASSES CONTAINING RADIOACTIVE MICROSPHERES

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The increasing use of radioactive microspheres in large animal research poses a growing problem in waste management for many institutions. Incineration, with its obvious volume reduction benefits, is an economically attractive means of disposing of carcasses containing radioactive microspheres. Although it is generally assumed that incinerated microspheres remain with the ash, few studies have been performed to actually quantify the fraction of radioactivity emitted in the effluent. These studies which have been published (Ba83, La83, Sh80) estimate the release of radioactivity by measuring the retention in the ash. The present paper presents the results of actual measurements of radioactivity in the effluent during the incineration of carcasses containing microspheres labelled with several different radionuclides.

Equipment

A modified EPA Method 5 sampling probe and train was installed on the stack of the Purdue University Radiological Services incinerator (La83). The sampling train consisted of a

Reeve Angel 125 mm glass fiber particulate filter followed by a series of four impingers. The first three impingers were filled with 200 ml of 0.1 N HCl to remove volatilized material and to collect water vapor. The fourth impinger contained approximately 200 g of silica gel to remove any water vapor remaining in the sample gas stream. By monitoring the stack gas velocity with a low pressure drop, magnehelic gauge and adjusting the sampling flow rate with a calibrated orifice meter, isokinetic sampling conditions were maintained throughout the sampling periods. The sampling for each burn was conducted at 10 traverse points across one diameter of the round 14-in. stack. Table 1-2 of the Federal Register (Fe77) Vol. 41, No. 160, was used to determine the positioning of the 10 traverse points. All analyses for sampled radioactivity were performed by a Ge(Li) detector connected to a Canberra Series 85 multichannel analyzer.

Experimental

Five commonly used radiolabeled plastic microspheres were employed in this research: ^{113}Sn , ^{153}Gd , ^{57}Co , ^{95}Nb and ^{103}Ru . A typical experimental incinerator burn load consisted of approximately 150 lb of large animal carcasses spiked with microspheres containing a particular radionuclide. In most cases the microspheres, contained in small plastic packets, were placed in crevices of frozen carcasses. In one burn, the carcasses were allowed to thaw, and the microspheres were injected at different locations throughout the carcasses. The variation in spiking procedure was performed in order to see if the mode of spiking had any influence on the amount of radioactivity released during

the incineration process. All samples were assayed with the Ge(Li) detector prior to spiking. In addition, reference filters were prepared and assayed prior to spiking and retained as relative standards for assaying the sample filters after the respective burns.

✓ All burns were for 5 h, and sampling was conducted over the entire burn period. In most of the burns the only material incinerated was animal carcasses. In one set of burns common laboratory trash was placed in the incinerator along with the carcasses. This trash was primarily paper products such as towels and absorbent paper with some rubber gloves and plastic material. The purpose of this set of burns was to see if the combination of material being incinerated influenced the emission of radioactivity.

Upon completion of a burn, the glass fiber filter was removed and placed in a petri dish. In addition, all parts of the probe upstream of the filter assembly were backwashed with an acetone solution which was then passed through a Millipore filter. The contents of each impinger were transferred to 1 l polyethylene bottles for analysis. The sample filters were analyzed with the Ge(Li) detector and compared with a count of the previously prepared filter paper reference standard. Because all counting was related to the count rate of the reference standard, it was not necessary to correct for decay or to determine absolute counting efficiencies.

Results

Table 1 is a listing of the mean percentage release and standard deviations for the five radiolabelled microspheres tested. Application of the Student's t statistical test on the data indicated that there was no significant difference between the ^{153}Gd , ^{95}Nb and ^{57}Co percentage releases, nor was there any significant difference between the ^{113}Sn and ^{103}Ru release. However, the ^{113}Sn and ^{103}Ru releases were significantly greater than the releases of ^{153}Gd , ^{95}Nb and ^{57}Co . These results, which show a release of only a few percent for ^{57}Co and ^{95}Nb , compare favorably with the retention of over 95% reported for these two radionuclides by Shearer et al. (Sh80) for a study using a kiln to dispose of the carcasses. The elevated release observed for ^{103}Ru also agrees with the results of Shearer et al. and with the results presented by Barish et al. (Ba83) using in vitro conditions in a laboratory furnace. This elevated release is possibly due to the fact that RuO_4 , which would be formed during incineration, has a volatilization temperature considerably below the 1,200 C burn temperature of the primary chamber. The mean release for ^{113}Sn of $12.3 \pm 4.9\%$ is somewhat higher than releases reported by both of the authors mentioned. The reason for this higher release of ^{113}Sn is not readily evident.

All of the radioactivity released during the burns was associated with the particulate fraction of the sample rather than the gas phase fraction. This conclusion was based upon the fact that all of the radioactivity measured was on the glass fiber filter and no radioactivity was found in the impingers. Consequently, the radioactivity was either physically carried out

of the incinerator as intact microspheres by the turbulence of the effluent, or else the radioactivity was volatilized and then became attached to particulate combustion products as they moved through the stack.

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It can also be seen from Table 1 that adding laboratory trash to the animal carcasses containing ^{95}Nb did not cause a difference in the amount of ^{96}Nb released when compared to the burns containing carcasses only. The results of the two ^{103}Ru studies indicated that spiking the carcasses with radioactive microspheres by the two different modes made no difference on the amount of ^{103}Ru released during incineration.

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Table 1. Radioactivity Released During Incineration of Animal Carcasses Containing Radiolabelled Microspheres.

Radionuclide	Number of Burns	Percentage Released ^a
¹¹³ Sn	3	12.3 ± 4.9%
¹⁵³ Gd	4	5.0 ± 2.5%
⁵⁷ Co	5	3.8 ± 3.0%
⁹⁵ Nb	4	4.8 ± 1.1%
⁹⁵ Nb ^b	4	4.7 ± 5.6%
¹⁰³ Ru	3	16.1 ± 6.0%
¹⁰³ Ru ^c	1	16.5 ± 5.0%

^aMean ± S.D.

^bCarcasses plus laboratory trash

^cMicrospheres injected throughout thawed carcasses

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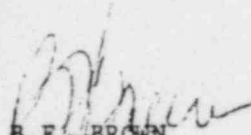
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101 Marietta Street, NW
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Gentlemen:

It is requested that our License Number 32-01134-01 be amended to allow the incineration of animal carcasses containing radioactive material in microspheres and other waste material contaminated with Hydrogen 3 and Carbon 14. This request is being made due to the increasing cost and complexity of radioactive waste disposal and the low total radioactivity contained in this waste.

Other radioactive waste will be disposed of by sorting, packing, and storing for decay in 55-gallon steel barrels and/or through commercial disposal. Storage for decay will require holding the steel barrels for approximately 10 half-lives. Ashes containing radioactive materials will be packaged for disposal at an approved commercial site.

Information to support this request is provided as an enclosure. The "Incineration Guidelines for Medical/Academic Licenses" was used as a guide for the preparation of this request for incineration of radioactive wastes.


B.F. BROWN

Medical Center Director

Enclosure: Amendment of License No. 32-01134-01
Vicinity Plan of VA Medical Center
Incinerator Information
VA Medical Center Building and Location Plan
Local Climatological Data for the Raleigh-Durham Area
Measurement of Effluent Radioactivity during the
incineration of carcasses containing radioactive microspheres

cc: NC Department of Natural Resources and Community Development

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ENCLOSURE 1

AMENDMENT TO LICENSE NO. 32-01134-01 ALLOWING FOR INCINERATION OF
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

VA MEDICAL CENTER
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF INCINERATOR

A. The Veterans Administration Medical Center in Durham, NC is using a Sunbeam Equipment Corporation, Comtro Division, two-chamber incinerator which is currently being used to incinerate only pathological waste, (Type 4). Normal operating temperatures range from 1500°F. to 1800°F., and will incinerate the waste completely. The incinerator is located on the VA grounds as indicated on the enclosed sketches (Enclosure No. 2).

B. The incinerator has been inspected by the State of North Carolina for general operation. The State of North Carolina accepted the Sunbeam-Comtro A-22P stack test performed on July 24, 1975, by Stephen Upshor Associates of Buffalo, New York. The stack test was satisfied with .08 grains per standard CF of dry flue gas corrected to 12% CO₂ when burning 290 pounds of type 4 waste. A copy of this test is on file at the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development in Raleigh, NC. The State of North Carolina has complete control of the regulation of the incinerator. Permit No. 5439 has been granted by the NC Environmental Commission, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development to operate this natural gas-fired incinerator, identified as ID No. 1.

C. Incinerator information is listed below:

- (1) Manufacturer's name - Sunbeam-Comtro
 - (2) Model Number - A22P
 - (3) Rated Capacity - 290 lbs/hr
 - (4) Type Waste - No. 4
 - (5) Incinerator stack data
 - (a) Height - 50' above ground
 - (b) Exit diameter - 1.25'
 - (c) Exit gas velocity - 2275FPM
 - (d) Exit gas volume - 2800CFM
 - (e) Exit gas temperature - 1500°F.
 - (f) Stack dimensions - ID - 15"
OD - 19.5"
- (See Enclosure No. 3)

(6) Proximity to air intake duct:

(a) Building 14, Animal House (N) - 30' horizontal, 50' vertical (below stack), 2810 CFM

(b) Building 14, Animal House (S) - 100' horizontal, 40' vertical (below stack), 4126 CFM

(c) Building 6, Supply Service - 200' horizontal, 10' vertical (below stack), 1824 CFM

(d) Building 6, Linen Service - 225' horizontal, 10' vertical (below stack), 4500 CFM

(e) Building 6, Engineering Service - 250' horizontal, 20' vertical (below stack) 327 CFM

D. Height of and distance to buildings in surrounding areas are noted on Enclosure No. 4.

E. The room for storage of radioactive ash until disposal at an approved commercial site is located adjacent to the incinerator. The ash will be retained for limited periods of time and will be monitored by the Duke University Medical Center Radiation Safety staff.

F. Local climatological data for the Raleigh-Durham area is contained in Enclosure No. 5.

2. ISOTOPES WE PFOPOSE TO INCINERATE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. Radioactive Microspheres

(1) Isotopes to be incinerated are microspheres contained in animal carcasses. A typical animal contains:

<u>Element</u>	<u>MicroCuries</u>
Cobalt 57	20
Niobium 95 ¹	16
Ruthenium 103	22
Chromium 51	77
Tin 113	21

(2) Manufacturer states that the exit gas volume is 2800ft³/minute and assuming a 4 hour burn time, total effluent:

$$\frac{2800 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min.}}{3.53 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^3/\text{cc}} \times 60 \text{ min/hr} \times 4 \text{ hr} = 1.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ cc}$$

(3) From Appendix B, Table II, 10CFR20:

<u>Element</u>	<u>Allowable Concentration</u> <u>uCi/cc)</u>
Cobalt 57 (I)	6 x 10 ⁻⁹
Niobium 95 (I)	3 x 10 ⁻⁹
Ruthenium 103 (I)	3 x 10 ⁻⁹
Chromium 51 (I)	8 x 10 ⁻⁸
Tin 113 (I)	2 x 10 ⁻⁹
Gadolinium 153 (I)*	2 x 10 ⁻⁹

(4) Permissible quantity burned in 4 hours:

$$\text{Co 57: } 1.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ cc} \times 6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ uCi/cc} = 114 \text{ uCi}$$

$$\text{Nb 95, Gd 153, Ru 103: } 1.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ cc} \times 3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ uCi/cc} = 57 \text{ uCi}$$

$$\text{Cr 51: } 1.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ cc} \times 8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ uCi/cc} = 1520 \text{ uCi}$$

$$\text{Sn 113: } 1.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ cc} \times 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ uCi/cc} = 38 \text{ uCi}$$

(5) Reference is made to a prepublication paper by R.R. Landolt, et al, "Measurements of Effluent Radioactivity During the Incineration of Carcasses Containing Radioactive Microspheres" (Enclosure No. 6). Stack measurements of incinerated microspheres show that a large percentage of the activity remains in the ash. Of the data presented, the following are applicable to this proposal:

<u>Element</u>	<u>% Released</u>
Co 57	3.8 ± 3.0
Nb 95	4.8 ± 1.1
Ru 103	16.1 ± 6.0
Sn 113	12.3 ± 4.9
Gd 153	5.0 ± 2.5

(5) ALARA considerations. Assume incinerator operates 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, with one and one-half days dedicated for animal disposal; then total remaining effluent per year is:

$$28 \text{ hrs/wk} \times 50 \text{ wks/yr} \times 7.9 \times 10^7 \text{ cc/min} \times 60 \text{ min/hr} = 6.66 \times 10^{12} \text{ cc/yr}$$

(a) Permissible activity per year:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{H3: } & 6.66 \times 10^{12} \text{ cc/yr} \times 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ uCi/cc} = 1332 \text{ mCi} \\ \text{Cl4: } & 6.66 \times 10^{12} \text{ cc/yr} \times 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ uCi/cc} = 666 \text{ mCi} \end{aligned}$$

(b) To comply with ALARA considerations, actual quantities of above elements to be incinerated will be restricted to 10% of the annual allowable. Therefore:

H3 not to exceed 133 mCi in one year.
Cl4 not to exceed 66 mCi in one year.

3. RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS REMAINING IN ASH RESIDUE:

a. Determination of radioactive material concentration in ash will be performed by calculation using data contained herein.

b. Contaminated ash will be placed directly into a shipping barrel by personnel wearing coveralls, gloves, headcover, and full-face respirator. Individuals will be monitored upon completion of ash removal and removal of protective clothing. Ash from all burns involving microspheres will be collected for commercial disposal. The ash will be stored in the room adjacent to the incinerator until the shipping barrels are full.

4. PROCEDURES:

Procedures to minimize exposure of personnel during all phases of the operation:

Personnel handling the combustibles must wear coveralls and gloves. In addition, personnel handling the ash must wear a full-face respirator.

6. NOTIFICATION:

The State of North Carolina Environmental Commission, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, is notified of our plans by a copy of this letter with all enclosures.