

Erba Instruments, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. Thomas M. Jackson
President
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Peabody, Massachusetts 01960

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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letters dated November 28, 1984 and January 3, 1985, and for the informational materials forwarded to this office on those dates and for your application dated February 19, 1985. This application is now being processed.

From the information we have received thus far, it appears that the ECD-40 electron capture instrumentation containing the Amersham MODEL NBC 1 TYPE NBC 3 Nickel-63 source distributed by your company has not been registered with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) nor are you properly licensed to distribute it. We appreciate your actions to come into compliance with Commission regulations by ceasing distribution of instrumentation containing radioactive material which is required to be licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and by filing an application for a license.

At this time, please submit a list of all customers who have purchased any instrumentation containing radioactive material. We require this information so that we may determine whether these individuals are properly licensed to process that instrumentation. Since the devices in question are apparently not registered with the NRC, it is unlikely that the individuals are licensed. If they are not licensed, we will forward appropriate licensing information and applications to them and require that they promptly comply with applicable regulations.

Should you continue the distribution of these devices prior to issuance of a license or fail to respond to this request we may take enforcement action to compel compliance.

The responses directed by this letter are exempt from the procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your continued cooperation with the Commission is both anticipated and appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (215) 337-5252.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
John D. Kinneman

John D. Kinneman, Chief
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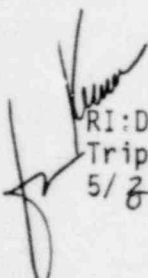
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Enclosures:

1. 10 CFR Parts 19, 20, 30, 31,
32 and 170
2. NRC Form 313
3. Guide for Gas Chromatograph Applications



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