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TITLE: Licensee's Responsibility for Shipment of Waste and
Radioactive Materials

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Mr. John Mangusi
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Dear Mr. Mangusi:

This is a reply to your letter dated June 26, 1986 asking whether Transnuclear can obtain a license to possess contaminated equipment at reactor sites for the purpose of turning the radioactive material over to a carrier for shipment.

As we discussed on the telephone, our general policy is that the generators of radioactive contamination and waste should be responsible for all onsite processing and any shipments offsite. We believe that it is not in the interest of public health and safety to divide this responsibility between generators and service companies, because the consequences of any accidents or problems associated with contamination and waste could be aggravated by questions of responsibility. Therefore, we have not normally licensed service companies to possess radioactive contamination or waste at power reactor sites. Rather, any onsite service companies operate under the reactor license, and the reactor licensee is responsible for all onsite service activities and offsite shipments.

It is understandable that your reactor client is concerned about legal requirements and liabilities associated with international shipments, and therefore prefers to arrange shipments to domestic licensed sites only. If you are not satisfied with that policy, we suggest that you discuss it further with them.

If you have further questions, please feel free to call me or John Hickey (301-427-4238) to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
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