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May 31, 2000

Mr. Bryan Parker
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, Suite 23T85
Atlanta, GA 30303

Report of Loss of Licensed Material

Dear Mr. Parker:

This letter shall serve as written notification under CFR 20.2201 regarding a missing tritium-filled exit sign. A verbal notification was made to the NRC Operations Center on May 26, 2000.

Description of Licensed Material

The missing tritium-filled exit sign is manufactured by Perm X, Model Number P-160-Series and has an expiration date of 2017. It is number 109 on our facility inventory.

Circumstances of Theft or Loss

The missing exit sign was located above the exit near the Line 80 Carton Storage Area in the Beer, Packaging, and Shipping building. During the Fall of 1999, an expansion of this area began and is still continuing today. Between January 31, 2000 and February 4, 2000, demolition of the existing wall took place and it is suspected that the exit sign was lost during this time. The exit sign was noticed missing during a routine semi-annual inventory check of all tritium-filled exit signs.

The building expansion is being handled by The Haskell Company. Haskell subcontracted the demolition portion of the project to the East Coast Demolition Company. The Construction Superintendent from Haskell, Mike Hottinger, spoke with the East Coast Demolition Company and they had no recollection of the exit sign. East Coast Demolition does not crush the demolished material themselves, but uses a concrete recycling facility, Custom Concrete. The demolished material was taken to the Custom Concrete site in Newport News, VA.

I personally spoke with Dan Bowens, from Custom Concrete, regarding the demolished material. Mr. Bowens had no recollection of an exit sign and explained that the material is stockpiled on site then sent through a series of crushers and screens to form a powdery material. Custom Concrete then provides this material to the construction industry as a base material for projects such as parking lots and interstate highways.

Probable Disposition

It is highly probable that this sign was crushed along with the concrete wall at the concrete crushing site, Custom Concrete of Newport News, VA.

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Statement of Exposure

No exposure is known to have occurred.

Actions Taken to Recover the Material

The facility will continue to search and inquire about the missing exit sign and notify your office if any information is found. Prior to this incident, employees and contractors were made aware that the self-powered luminous exit signs should not be moved or relocated without proper approval, that there are radiological hazards associated with the exit signs and shown examples of the warning labels on all radiological equipment.

Procedures Taken to Prevent Reoccurrence

Each of the tritium-filled exit signs are marked with the following warnings:

" STOP: DO NOT MOVE, RELOCATE, DISCONNECT OR IN ANY WAY DISPOSE OF THIS DEVICE... YOU MUST HAVE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER IN YOUR POSSESSION BEFORE PROCEEDING... CALL EHS DEPARTMENT EXT 2136," and

"LOW LEVEL RADIATION - FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS IMPROPER REMOVAL, STORAGE, AND/OR DISPOSAL OF THIS DEVICE. CONTACT ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER FOR ASSISTANCE."

As a result of this incident, we have once again communicated radiation awareness and management to all Anheuser-Busch, Inc., Williamsburg Brewery contractors and employees.

Please feel free to contact me at (757) 253-2135, with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Marisa M. Botta
EHS Manager
Williamsburg Brewery