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SUBJECT: REPORT OF LOST POLONIUM-210 SOURCE

Dear Mr. Ostertag:

Thank you for your April 20, 2000, letter notifying NRC Region III office of the loss of a polonium-210 source used in a static elimination device. The device, Model P-2021SS (Serial No. 115737) was manufactured by NRD, Inc., and contained a nominal 10 millicuries (370 MBq) of polonium-210 as of November 1999. You indicated that on or about February 2000, the source was discovered missing. We understand that because your interviews with employees and search efforts to recover the missing source proved unsuccessful you concluded that the device was inadvertently discarded of as ordinary waste. We have reviewed your letter and have no questions at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, and its enclosure(s) will be placed in the NRC Public Electronic Room (PERR) link at the NRC homepage, namely, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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Geoffrey C. Wright, Chief
Materials Inspection Branch

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