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April 18, 2001

George E. Karsnak
14170 Easy Street
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON CESIUM-137 GAUGES FORMERLY POSSESSED BY
DESIGN FUELS CORPORATION

Dear Mr. Karsnak:

A letter was sent to your attention, as president of Design Fuels Corporation at 2605 O'Neil Boulevard, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, dated January 24, 2001 (copy enclosed). In this letter, we requested a written reply concerning the actions you have taken, or plan to take, concerning two TN Technologies Model 5191 gauges containing radioactive material which were transferred to your company on April 11, 1989. Specifically, we need to know (1) the actions you intend to take to secure the gauge (TN Technologies Model 5191 with Serial Number B1806) which is now in Alabama and to ensure that it gets into the possession of a person authorized to possess it; and (2) the actions you have taken or planned to find the missing 2 curie gauge (TN Technologies Model 5191 with Serial Number B1808). To date, we have not received this information, and request that you send it to us as soon as possible.

In a telephone conversation with Ms. Kathy Modes of my staff on April 9, 2001, you indicated that you possess paperwork that might aid in the discovery of the missing gauge. As was agreed during the conversation, Ms. Modes plans to meet with you at your residence on April 23, 2001, at 10:30 AM. Please have the paperwork available for Ms. Modes' review. You should be aware that, as a general licensee pursuant to 10 CFR 31.5 (enclosed), Design Fuels Corporation is responsible to account for, and properly transfer or dispose of, all radioactive material received.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Modes at (610) 337-5251. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Elizabeth Ullrich

John D. Kinneman, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch 2
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Enclosures:

1. Letter dated January 24, 2001
2. 10 CFR Part 31

cc:
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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