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## MEMORANDUM FOR

Commander, U.S. Army Research Laboratory-Aberdeen, ATTN: AMSRL-CS-AP-RK (Mr. Markland), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5066

Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, ATTN: SBCAP-SH-S (Mr. Wiherle), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001

Commander, Edgewood Biological and Chemical Center, ATTN: AMSSB-RCB-RS (Mr. Spaeth), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5423

Commander, U.S. Army Operations Support Command, AMSOS-SF (Mr. Crooks), Rock Island, IL 61299-6000

SUBJECT: Research Into Old Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Licenses

- 1. Reference meeting between Ms. Laurie Peluso, NRC Region 1, and Mr. John Manfre, HQAMC, AMCSF-P, 11 April 2001, subject as above.
- 2. The NRC has documentation that indicates the Army was issued certain NRC licenses to use radioactive materials in the 1950's and 1960's. Addresses for your organization or its predecessor were listed in the license documentation. The licenses have long been terminated. However, the NRC does not have sufficient documentation to adequately prove that all radioactive materials listed on these licenses were properly disposed of or transferred to authorized licensees. The Region 1 Office is requesting our help in coming up with better proof of transfer of these materials.
- 3. The NRC provided Mr. Manfre with a copy of old license documents at the referenced meeting, and they are furnished to you at the enclosure to aid your research efforts.
- 4. Request you search your files and produce corroborating documentation, if any exists.
- a. Interview any personnel whose names are listed in the licenses who may still be available. Statements from them or a Memorandum for Record of the Telephone Conversation with them would greatly assist the NRC in this effort.

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- b. If there is no evidence of the whereabouts of this material, provide us a written reply stating that these licenses were not issued to your organization or that there are no files still available.
- c. Any ideas or thoughts you may have on arriving at a determination for this issue would be welcomed.
- 5. I am also asking the Operations Support Command to search records of the Army's Low Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) Disposal Program to ascertain if any LLRW burial records exist for material connected with these licenses.
- 6. We are particularly interested in the reported Radioactive Waste facility that was located on Aberdeen Proving Ground. The existing documentation states that no LLRW was actually buried there, but we would like that confirmed during this records review.
- 7. Please furnish your reply to this office not later than 30 June 2001.
- 8. The NRC appreciates our efforts to assist them, and I appreciate your time and trouble as well. Point of contact is the undersigned, DSN 767-9340, Commercial 703-617-9340, fax 9469, email ManfreJ@hqamc-exchg.army.mil.
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