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Ben Ross
Donaldson Company, Inc.
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SUBJECT: NRC REVIEW OF TRANSFERRED GAS CHROMATOGRAPH SOURCE

Dear Mr. Ross:

This refers to your conversations with NRC staff regarding transfer of a generally licensed 15 millicurie nickel-63 gas chromatograph source between your Bloomington, Minnesota, and Dixon, Illinois facilities.

The NRC has determined that violations of 10 CFR 31.5 occurred when Donaldson Company, Inc., transferred a 15 millicurie nickel-63 gas chromatograph source directly between its Bloomington, Minnesota, and Dixon, Illinois facilities.

In accordance with the NRC's Interim Enforcement Policy for Generally Licensed Devices, the NRC is exercising discretion and, therefore, is not issuing enforcement actions for these violations because the violations were not willful, Donaldson Company, Inc., identified and reported the violations to the NRC, and Donaldson Company, Inc., took appropriate corrective actions to address the violations and to prevent recurrence of similar problems. However, any future violations of 10 CFR 31.5 may be considered for enforcement action.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available **electronically** for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the *Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS)*. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

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Gary L. Shear, Chief
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