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Osamu Ando, President
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Dear Mr. Ando:

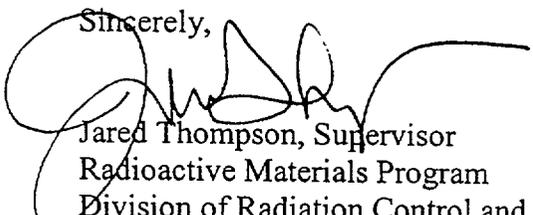
The Department has become aware of the distribution of Shimadzu Model GC-17A gas chromatographs containing EDC-9 electron capture detectors. Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. has distributed several of these devices in Arkansas.

The Department requests Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. **immediately cease distribution of these devices in Arkansas.** The Department has been unable to determine if the gas chromatograph along with the electron capture detector have been subject to a sealed source and device (SSD) safety evaluation. At this time it also appears that Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. has not been licensed by the state of Maryland to distribute the Model GC-17A containing the EDC-9 electron capture detector.

The Department requests documentation that the gas chromatograph and electron capture detector have undergone a sealed source and device safety evaluation. The Department also requests a copy of Shimadzu's specific license which authorizes the distribution of the GC-17A containing the EDC-9 electron capture detector. Please submit a distribution list for Arkansas recipients. Please submit the requested information within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact me at 501-661-2371. Please address correspondence to Mail Slot #30.

Sincerely,


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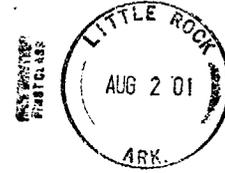
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