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United States Regulatory Commission  
Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety  
Materials Safety and Inspection Branch  
Mailstop T-8F5  
Washington, DC 20555

RE: Third Party Source and SS&D No. LA-0760-S-106-S

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department is in receipt of the above referenced letter from Nucletron and has begun an investigation. The primary focus of our investigation is to determine if safe use of the microSelectron-HDR Classic is compromised by using the Alpha-Omega source in the device. Prior to a determination on the matter, additional information is required from the state of Maryland, Radiological Health Program, Nucletron Corporation, Nucletron, B.V., and Alpha-Omega Services, Inc., including but not limited to the following:

1. The reason Maryland SS&D No. MD-497-D-104-S stipulates that all source replacement and service be done by Nucletron Corporation or Nucletron, B.V.;
2. Clarification on exactly what Nucletron's problems, complaints, and/or allegations are;
3. Receipt of the prototype testing performed by Nucletron, and which Nucletron has agreed to provide;
4. Information from Alpha-Omega Services, Inc. related to any incidents that have occurred at sites where the Alpha-Omega source has been installed in the referenced device. (According to Alpha-Omega, currently in the U.S.A., there are two (2) Alpha-Omega sources installed in the microSelectron-HDR Classic and two (2) installed in South America.)

Upon completion of our investigation, a decision will be rendered on this matter and all parties notified.

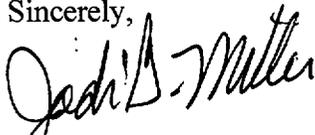


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If you need information regarding this matter, please contact Mary Haik at (225) 765-2702 or via email at [maryh@ldeq.org](mailto:maryh@ldeq.org).

Sincerely,



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