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Dear Dr. Lodhi:

As a result of the inspection of our facilities at Murray Hill, NJ, and Allentown, PA, on 2/26-28, we have taken the following corrective actions:

1. The use of the sources was suspended immediately on 2/28/02 pending institution of corrective actions.
2. A thorough survey of the two Allentown labs with a Ludlum Model 2241 survey meter with a 44-9 Probe showed no detectable radiation above a 30 cpm background.
3. A complete wipe testing of the storage and testing areas shows that there is no removable radioactive contamination detectable above the Oxford LB5100 limit of 10 dpm alpha and 35 dpm beta/gamma per 100 cm².
4. The Radiation Safety Officer has retrained the Operator in the safe handling of the licensed material.
5. The Operator has recommitted to the use of her Ludlum Model 3 survey meter with a 44-9 probe for the purpose of personal and area surveying after source handling.
6. The Operator has recommitted to the use of personal protective equipment (e.g., gloves) and work surface protection (e.g., paper towels).
7. We will continue with our routine quarterly inventories and wipe testing of the areas under the direction of the Radiation Safety Officer.

With the completion of these corrective actions, we are now in full compliance. The Radiation Safety Officer has authorized resumption of normal work as of March 12, 2002.

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