

April 17, 2002

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**SUBJECT: NRC REVIEW OF REPORT OF MISSING STATIC ELIMINATOR**

Dear Mr. Bonacchi:

This refers to your report (Enclosure) dated March 15, 2002, regarding the loss of a static eliminator containing a total nominal quantity of 10 millicuries (0.37 gigabecquerels) of polonium-210.

From a conversation with you on April 10, 2002, the NRC understands that the device was identified as missing after an exhaustive search in November 2001. Based upon the type and quantity of licensed material and the radiological exposure data the NRC possesses on these types of devices, the NRC believes that no significant exposures are likely to result to members of the public as a result of these lost devices.

Based on our review of your report and the April 10, 2002, conversation with you, we have determined that violations of 10 CFR 31.5 occurred. The violations include loss of control of the device and failure to promptly notify the NRC when the loss was identified.

Although violations of 10 CFR 31.5 were identified, because Ford Motor Company's actions were not willful, you identified and reported the violations to the NRC and took appropriate corrective action to address the violations and prevent recurrence of similar problems, we are exercising enforcement discretion in accordance with the Interim Enforcement Policy for Generally Licensed Devices (Enforcement Manual, Section 8.6, (May 1, 2000; 65 FR 25368)), and not issuing any enforcement action for this violation. However, any future violations of 10 CFR 31.5 may be considered for enforcement action.

We have no further questions regarding this matter at this time. Thus, no response to this letter is required.

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Sincerely,

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Christopher Miller, Chief  
Decommissioning Branch

Docket No. 9990003  
General Licensee 10 CFR 31.5

Enclosure: As stated

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Information as discussed on lost source.

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Dear Mr. Minnaar

This letter is pertinent to the lost of an anti-static air gun. The model number is P-2021. The serial number A2AW954 is on lease number 007136 and was shipped on 3/19/01. The device was used for spraying acrylic and also to prevent dust. The device was used in the Plastic Shop. It was last used during the Month of August, 2001. To my knowledge, the device was misplaced or stolen. The efforts that was made was searching of the shop and questioning the shop personnel. This situation has been brought to management attention. The decision was made to not replace the anti-static gun.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 1-313-248-6042.

Sincerely,

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