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Mr. Donald A. Cool, Director  
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Dear Mr. Cool:

The regulations are clear in their definition of a radiation area and the requirements for "posting" such an area. The guide to the regulations as well as application of the statutes is clear that if one does not correctly post such an area, a violation of the regulations exists. Standards of good radiation protection practice are well accepted when monitoring and posting areas exhibiting a radiological hazard.

This letter is to obtain a written opinion from your agency on what we would call "OVER POSTING." It has been called to our attention that facilities may post areas; i.e., Radiation Area, that do not have a level of hazard to require such posting or even post "High Radiation Area" when the area does not have a level high enough that would even require, or perhaps, permit, it to be posted as the much lower "Radiation Area."

Are we correct, that to post an area as a radiation area or high radiation area that does not have a level of hazard commensurate with that level, is a violation of the regulations. The level of hazard must be clearly identified by the posting and to "OVER POST" is not permitted.

Please respond in writing.

Sincerely,

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