



October 16, 2002

Mr. Hector Bermúdez
Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region II
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 23T85
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Bermúdez:

This is to notify the NRC Region II that the October 2 through October 4, 2002 Cobalt 60 loading has been re-scheduled for October 22, 2002 through October 26, 2002. The reason for changing the original dates of October 2 –October 4, 2002 is due to the change in arrival date of the boat with the cobalt to Puerto Rico. The boat is now scheduled to arrive to the port of Ponce, October 21, 2002.

The Cobalt 60 order was placed with Puridex Irradiation Technologies for 700,000 curies. With this quantity the total expected activity after the loading will be 3,676,563 curies.

The Cobalt shipment is scheduled to arrive at the Ponce port on October 21, 2002. We plan to move the Cobalt 60 from the Ponce port to Isomedix on October 22, 2002. The company that will transport the Cobalt 60 to the Isomedix Vega Alta is Fraticelli Trucking. This company has all the legal permits to transport hazardous material in Puerto Rico. The route that will be taken from the port of Ponce to Isomedix, Vega Alta is the following:

- a. Santiago de los Caballeros Avenue (north) to PR#2 (east)
- b. PR # 2 (east) to PR # 52 (north)
- c. PR # 52 (north) to PR # 18 (north)
- d. PR # 18 (north) to PR # 22 (west)
- e. Exit PR # 22 (west) at exit 31 to road 690, km 1.7 (Isomedix, Vega Alta) (north)

If there should be a change to this schedule, I will notify you immediately.

Cordially,

Arnaldo Rosado
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