June 24, 1998

Chet M. Thompson Counsel to INMETCO Collier, Shannon, Rill & Scott, PLLC 3050 K Street, N.W. Suite 400 Washington, DC 20007

SUBJECT: INMETCO

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We have carefully reviewed your letter dated May 27, 1998, concerning the material currently possessed by INMETCO, at their Ellwood City, Pennsylvania facility, which is contaminated with Cs-137. Your letter and INMETCO's request for NRC approval of the disposal of this material raise important policy issues. Therefore, we have forwarded your request to John T. Greeves, Director of the Division of Waste Management in our Headquarters Office in Rockville, Maryland. The Division of Waste Management will respond to you regarding your request. You may contact Mr. Greeves at (301) 415-7437.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by A. Randolph Blough

A. Randolph Blough, Director Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

cc: John T. Greeves, DWM, NMSS

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