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Mr. Gary Shear, Chief
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Region III
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Shear:

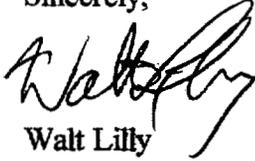
The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Southeast Missouri State University is committed to develop a plan that will attempt to identify items that exist on the main campus and on satellite campuses, and that were once part of the historic americium-241 operations conducted from Magill Hall lab 242. Implementation of this scoping plan could result in the identification of items that have the potential to be contaminated with americium-241. The plan will be developed in consultation with our contractor, Science Applications International Corporation.

The plan will include:

1. The identification of a list items that have the potential to have once been part of the historic americium-241 operation conducted from Magill Hall lab 242.
2. A procedure to identify items that may be located in other university buildings both on the main campus and the satellite campuses that appear to be similar in type and age to the items present during historic americium-241 operations and/or items discovered to be contaminated during and since the Magill Hall decontamination project.
3. A procedure to survey these items for radiological contamination including isotope determination, if appropriate.
4. A procedure for processing any contaminated items that are discovered.
5. The identification of staff that may have exposed to radioactivity, should contamination be discovered.
6. A mechanism for the assessment of possible exposures to individuals who may have come in contact with any discovered contaminations.
7. Provisions for the storage and disposal of any contaminated items identified by this survey.

It is the goal of the University to have this plan developed and available for your review by April 16, 2002. The University would like to complete implementation before the end of the school year. The last day of classes is May 3 and graduation is May 11.

Sincerely,



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Radiation Safety Officer
Professor of Biology