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TO:

Chairman Diaz

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* PRI \*\* CRC NO: 03-0478

Chairman Diaz

DESC:

Import of Radioactive Devices Used from Out-of-  
State Manufacturers and Distributors in the  
State of California without Notice to the  
Department of Health Services

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<b>ADDRESSEE:</b>	Nils Diaz		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Concerns the import of radioactive devices used in the construction, well-logging, and weld inspection trades from out-of-state manufacturers and distributors to persons in the State of California without notice to the Dept of Health Services...		
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GRAY DAVIS  
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July 16, 2003

Nils Diaz, Ph.D., Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Dr. Diaz:

Since the events of September 11, 2001, the California Department of Health Services and other California regulatory agencies have worked diligently to examine issues related to security in the programs they regulate, and taken actions to increase security measures where necessary. At this time, the Department is significantly concerned about the import of radioactive devices used in the construction, well-logging, and weld inspection trades from out-of-state manufacturers and distributors to persons in the State of California without notice to the Department.

We would like to request that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and by copy of this letter, the Organization of Agreement States, join us in our efforts to appeal to the manufacturers and distributors of the subject devices to provide a report of transfer, for each transfer made, to the radiation control program responsible for licensing the recipient of the device. The Department believes that this simple enhancement to the control of radioactive materials will provide invaluable information for tracking these devices from "cradle to grave," and greatly reduce the risk of these devices being transferred to businesses that are unlicensed, or businesses with expired or rescinded licenses.

You may contact me at 916-324-3266, if you require additional information or clarification regarding this important security issue.

Sincerely,

Larry Barrett, DVM, MS, DACVPM, Chief  
Division of Food, Drug, and Radiation Safety

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