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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Directorate for Safety

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Attention: Ms. Donna Janda
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This refers to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission License (NRC) Number 29-01022-14, Docket 030-29741, Mail Control Number 135238, our letter of June 28, 2004, and to your September 20, 2004 Email, subject: Questions Regarding VACIS Unit.

The following information is provided in response to questions addressed in the September 20, 2004 Email to us:

a. Question 1: Does allowing the driver to remain in the vehicle during screening increase the probability of detection or does it just make it more convenient to keep the driver in the cab during vehicle screening?

Response: The purpose of requiring drivers of vehicles to remain in the vehicle cab during the scanning process is primarily to assure that the screening process can and does detect potential harmful substances/devices in the vehicle cab or on the vehicle driver, i.e., bombs, other explosives devices and/or weaponry, etc. This is needed to prevent harm to members of the Coalition Forces.

b. What can you expect to detect on a person who remains in the cab of the vehicle during the screening process?

Response: The screening process of the vehicle cab and driver will permit Coalition Forces to detect potential harmful substances/devices, i.e., bombs, other explosive devices and/or weaponry, etc., before they or the driver can do any harm to members of the Coalition Forces.

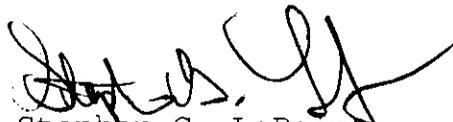
c. What is the normal screening procedure? Is the driver required to exit the vehicle for purposes other than for screening the vehicle?

Response: The current normal procedure is to require the vehicle driver to exit the vehicle and remain outside of the exclusion area before, and during, the vehicle screening process. This current procedure increases the probability of placing Coalition Forces in harms way, should the driver be wearing explosive laden devices, or other weaponry, on their person. The driver would normally not be required to exit the vehicle for any other purpose other than for the screening process.

We have an immediate need for your position on this issue as it relates to the support of current military operations and would appreciate your expeditious processing of this request as this issue is a matter of national security and safety of our military troops.

We trust you will find the information provided adequate to grant the requested amendment. In the event that you require additional information, our points of contact are Mr. Craig S. Goldberg, RSO, and Mr. Barry J. Silber, Health Physicist at (732) 427-7454 and (732) 427-7459, respectively.

Sincerely,



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