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CLARIFICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS LICENSE NO. 50-27789-01



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## **BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.**

Milne Point, Alaska

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RE: AMENDMENT TO RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS LICENSE NO. 50-27789-01

Dear Mr. Whitten,

I believe there may have been some miss-communication regarding the last two amendment requested for the Licensee stated above. I have discussed this with Judith Walker and Colleen Murnahan and they suggested that I send you a clarification.

On January 3, 2005 a request was made by Tracerco to include both the mailing address and the physical address for BP Milne Point. This request was because US Mail service did not extend to the North Slope of Alaska and all US Mail must be delivered to an Anchorage address. Tracerco made this request on the behalf of BP Exploration.

On March 31, 2005 a request was made to include the "Tracerco Profiler" as an additional registered device, and Under Conditions, change Item 10 to read: Licensed material may be used only at the licensee's facilities located at Milne Point Central Processing Facility and any outlying production facilities operated from or located at 1000 Milne Point Avenue, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Tracerco also made this request on behalf of BP Exploration.

Tracerco was contacted in April and informed that the amendment request must come directly from BP Exploration. The amendment request was sent from BP Exploration on April 11 and stated, "Please disregard the amendment request from Tracerco dated January 3, 2005, and replace with this request". Unfortunately the date, January 3, 2005, was mistakenly retained on the March 31<sup>st</sup> document; therefore the reviewers assumed that both requests from Tracerco were negated. Please be aware that the request to include the following mailing address is still valid:

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Although the amendment request to include the Tracerco Profiler and the complete Milne Point Facility was sent on March 31, 2005 (immediately after the order was placed by BP), it was not received by the NRC until April 19, 2005. BP Exploration has scheduled the first installation of a Tracerco Profiler for the last week of June 2005 during an annual shutdown of the process during the warmer weather. We understand that this request is already near the top of the review stack; however, we are hopeful that it may be possible to expedite this request to ensure that BP's existing schedule can be retained?

Thank you for your assistance and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Shane North  
Radiation Safety Officer