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Dear Mr. Eskridge:

DOE RADIOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABILITY FOR COMBUSTION ENGINEERING FACILITY

We are providing the following information in response to your December 30, 1988, letter requesting an updated Letter of Agreement regarding the availability of DOE Radiological Assistance.

The Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations (DOE ORO), has a revised version of the DOE Region 2 Radiological Assistance Guide which was issued in 1985. The new version was issued in 1986. The document is entitled "Guide for Requesting Radiological Assistance," and remains to be based on the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan issued as an operational plan in the Federal Register on November 8, 1985. Letters of Agreement are not normally required because of our responsibilities under this plan, but this letter and document will serve to update any existing letters between your organization and DOE ORO. A brief summary of the DOE responsibility is included below. Additional details are included in the document, including how to request assistance and a brief description of the capabilities available.

The U. S. Department of Energy will respond to requests for radiological assistance from licensees, federal, state, and local agencies, private organizations, or individuals involved in, or cognizant of an incident believed to involve source, byproduct or special nuclear material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, or other ionizing radiation sources.

Unless DOE or a DOE contractor is responsible for the ionizing radiation source or radioactive material involved in the incident, DOE radiological assistance will be limited to advice and emergency action essential for the control of the immediate hazards to health and safety. Radiological emergency assistance will be provided in accordance with the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan (FRERP) which includes the Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Plan (FRMAP).

The DOE provides and coordinates off-site radiological monitoring and assessment support to state and local governments. DOE's support is

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augmented by several other federal agencies including FEMA, NRC, EPA, HHS, USDA, DOC, DOD, and DOT. After the initial emergency phase, the coordination of these responsibilities will be transferred to the EPA, who has responsibility for coordination of the intermediate and long-term radiological monitoring and assessment as stated in the FRERP. The responsibility of the post-incident recovery, including further action for the protection of individuals and the public health and safety, should be assumed by the appropriate responsible federal, state, or local governments, or private authority as soon as the emergency conditions are terminated.

Should you require additional information, please contact me at commercial 615-576-6578 or (FIS) 626-6578.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: as stated

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