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June 17, 2002

Docket No. 03019356

License No. 07-20515-01

Frank Romanelli
President/Chief Executive Officer
Metachem Products, LLC
745 Governor Lea Road
New Castle, DE 19720

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF BANKRUPTCY FILING BY METACHEM PRODUCTS, LLC

Dear Mr. Romanelli:

This refers to your letter dated May 30, 2002, informing this office that Metachem Products, LLC has filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Your letter is accepted as the notification required by 10 CFR 30.34(h).

The regulations cited above require each licensee to provide the required notification; therefore, we request your assistance in providing to us the names, addresses and telephone numbers of any other entities who may be affected by the bankruptcy (i.e., other daughter companies of a bankrupt parent company, where the daughter has an NRC or Agreement State license).

Please note that even though a licensee may be involved in bankruptcy proceedings, NRC regulations and license conditions remain in full effect. Also, NRC licenses remain in full effect even beyond their stated expiration date, until terminated in writing by NRC. If the licensee no longer exists as an entity, the person with legal control of contaminated equipment or property transferred by the licensee is obligated to control all licensed material and to decontaminate and decommission any facilities or equipment, and to comply with applicable NRC requirements. We have discussed these requirements with the USEPA who is now in control of the site.

Our records also indicate that Metachem Products, LLC at its facility in New Castle, Delaware, received several generally licensed devices. These devices include at least 4 gas chromatographs received between 1989 and 1991, 27 'EXIT' signs received in 1990, 1 'EXIT' sign received in 1991, and 2 gauges containing cesium 137 received in 1980. As of February 16, 2001, general licensees are required to notify the NRC of any filing for bankruptcy, if they possess devices that are subject to registration under 10 CFR 31.5(c)(13). A general licensee is responsible for ensuring appropriate control and transfer of licensed materials in its possession regardless of applicability of the notification requirement.

We will continue to monitor activities at the above site to ensure that either licensed material is properly disposed of, or the company is able to exit bankruptcy and operate normally. If you have any questions regarding this matter, we encourage you to contact Sattar Lodhi at (800) 432-1156.

F. Romanelli
Metachem Products, LLC

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by John D. Kinneman

John D. Kinneman, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch 2
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

cc:
Sheri Minnick, USEPA

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