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Mr. Glen D. Brown, Chief
Fuel Facility & Material Safety Branch
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
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Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Brown:

Your letter of October 13, 1978, asks for additional information in response to your earlier letter of August 31, 1978. The following discussion answers your questions:

New sampling plant employees or others assigned to the sampling plant will be trained by health and safety personnel to administer the smoke tube test promptly after donning their half-mask and to wear the mask properly to assure that the head straps are in the correct position. Sampling plant supervisors will be especially instructed to enforce the proper wearing and testing of the half-mask respirator.

Soil sampling at the 6,000 feet distance points from the plant has been added to our listing of routine environmental samples. Listing this on the schedule will assure that these samples are obtained at the proper time.

The river bottom sampling program has been placed under the supervision of a consultant, Dr. Troy Dorris of Aquatic Life Consultant Company. Dr. Dorris shall assure that this sampling is done properly and in a timely manner. The initial sampling was conducted on October 14, 1978. This sampling requirement will also be listed on the environmental sampling schedule.

The time table for completion of corrective measures to achieve better contamination control is reduced to the end of the fourth month instead of six months as indicated in our letter of September 22, 1978. We are currently making extra efforts to reduce contamination levels and are making measurable progress through re-emphasis of administrative control practices.

Very truly,

W. J. Shelley, Director
Regulation and Control

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