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Subject: Report of Damaged Tritium Exit Sign

To Whom It May Concern:

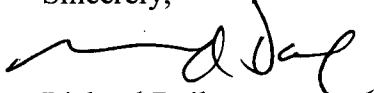
Under 10 CFR § 31.5(a), Wal-Mart Stores Inc. ("Wal-Mart") is a general licensee because it possesses and uses NRC-regulated byproduct material in the form of tritium exit signs ("TES"). Accordingly, Wal-Mart is subject to the reporting requirements associated with TES, including 10 CFR § 31.5(c)(5). Pursuant to 10 CFR § 31.5(c)(5), Wal-Mart is providing the subject report regarding two (2) damaged TES that it discovered at one of its sites.

Attachment A provides a brief description of the events associated with the damaged TES and corrective actions taken. Information on the damaged TES is provided below:

<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Curie Content</u>	<u>Date of Damage</u>	<u>Store Location</u>
311740	20.0	prior to Sept. 2006 (est.)	721 Beverly Pike, Elkins, WV
311671	20.0	prior to Sept. 2006 (est.)	721 Beverly Pike, Elkins, WV

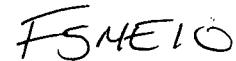
Please contact Richard Dailey at (479) 204-9914, if you have any questions regarding this letter or the attached report.

Sincerely,



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Attachment A

A. Description of Events

On August 14, 2007, Wal-Mart representatives and its agents, members of the Environmental Services division of The Shaw Group, Inc. ("Shaw"), visited Wal-Mart store #1522 in Elkins, West Virginia, to inventory tritium exit signs ("TES") at the site. Wal-Mart has retained Shaw, an environmental services contractor with extensive experience with the management of radioactive material, for its company-wide program to inventory and replace TES. During the inventory at the Elkins, West Virginia site, Shaw documented one (1) damaged TES in the back area of the site. On March 5, 2008, an employee at that same site telephoned Wal-Mart's radiation safety hotline to report that the site had one (1) additional damaged TES. The employee was prompted to report the damaged TES as a result of recent communications from Wal-Mart regarding the proper handling of TES.

B. Prompt Actions Taken

Both Shaw and the employee documented the damaged TES and recorded the serial numbers, curie content, manufacturer, and location. Based on interviews of store associates, Wal-Mart believes the TES were damaged prior to the summer of 2006. Because Wal-Mart currently does not believe that the TES were recently damaged, Wal-Mart has not tested for any residual contamination. Wal-Mart reached this conclusion in consultation with Certified Health Physicists ("CHPs") from Dade Moeller & Associates ("Dade Moeller"), another contractor retained by Wal-Mart for its program to inventory and replace TES.

C. Long-term Corrective Actions

Wal-Mart has implemented and communicated protocols for the proper handling of TES to ensure public health and safety and the protection of its employees. It is also inventorying all of the TES at its sites across the country to re-establish the accuracy of its records and to track the current locations of the TES. The intent of this program is to ensure that all TES are accounted for and are handled properly. As a part of this program, Wal-Mart has employed Shaw to inventory TES, and a team of CHPs from Dade Moeller to properly handle TES and prepare and arrange for their return to a specific licensee.

D. Shipping Details

Wal-Mart anticipates shipping the damaged TES to a specific licensee or arranging for a waste broker to ship the TES to a specific licensee that is authorized to receive the damaged TES, within 30 days of this report.