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RADIATION CONTROL

June 29, 1988

Mr. Roland G. Fletcher, Administrator
Center for Radiological Health
State of Maryland
Department of The Environment
201 West Preston Street
Baltimore, MD. 21201

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

This letter is in partial response to the Department's Order dated June 23, 1988, the original of which we received on June 28.

1. Without subscribing to all of the causes alleged therein, Neutron takes no substantive issue with the referenced Order, and does not plan to appeal.
2. We have a minor issue with item #5 of the Order. Prior to receipt of the Order, we ordered and received four thin window detectors (Ludlow Model #44-9) having window densities of 1.5 to 2 mg/cm². Though not in strict compliance with the Order, they are suitable for the intended purpose, and we request that their use be approved.
3. We appreciate the Department's offer to survey the homes and cars of Neutron Products' employees; and in order to minimize duplication of effort, and to best utilize essential personnel, we have adopted the following protocol for the licensee surveys you have ordered:

Those persons whose homes and cars were surveyed by the Department may conduct the licensee survey of their own homes and cars without another company employee present.

Persons whose homes and cars were not surveyed by the Department will conduct their home survey in the company of a qualified person selected from the group comprising Wayne Costley, Donald Franklin, Joseph Weedon and James Saylor.

In either case, we will share with the Department, on a basis which is anonymous on the record, the certified results and analyses of these surveys.

4. In conducting their surveys, the Department's employees have been discreet, courteous, thorough and cooperative. Nevertheless, I hope that you and they can accept in good faith the preferences of those who have chosen not to accept

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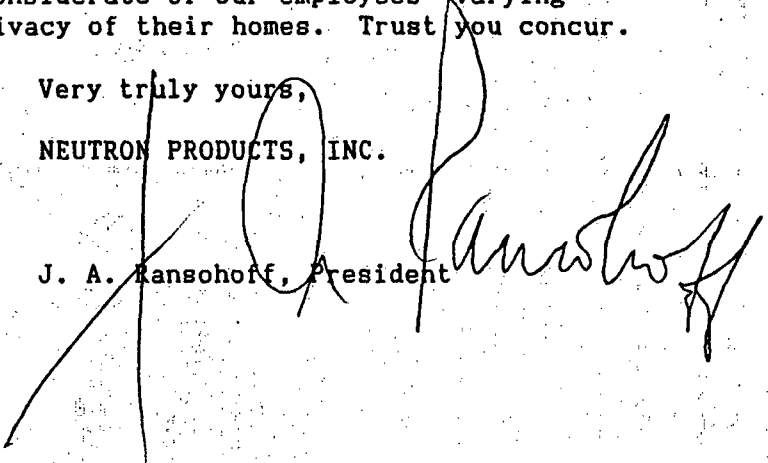
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the Department's offer, and our reluctance to insist that they do so. From the results obtained to date, it appears that we are contending here with errors in the selection of monitoring equipment and the adequacy of procedures, not a wholesale release of radioactive material; and in the absense of evidence to the contrary, I think we should be considerate of our employees' varying perceptions of their right to the privacy of their homes. Trust you concur.

Very truly yours,

NEUTRON PRODUCTS, INC.

J. A. Ranschoff, President



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