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Charles Miller, Director
Office of Federal and State Materials
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Report of Damaged Tritium Exit Sign

Dear Dr. Miller:

Pursuant to 10 CFR § 31.5(a), Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Wal-Mart") is a general licensee of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") because it possesses and uses byproduct material in the form of tritium exit signs ("TES") regulated by the NRC. Consistent with 10 CFR § 31.5(c)(5), Wal-Mart is providing the subject report regarding one damaged TES that it discovered at store #1759 located in Gloucester, Virginia.

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

Serial #	Curies	Damage Date	Store Location
unknown	20.0 (est.)	unknown	6819 Waltons Lane, Gloucester, VA

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

Sincerely,

Richard Dailey
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cc: Angela Washington, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
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Attachment A

A. Description of Events

On June 23, 2008, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Wal-Mart") representatives and its contractor Shaw Group, Inc. ("Shaw") visited Wal-Mart store #1759 in Gloucester, Virginia to inventory tritium exit signs ("TES"). 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 TES. During the inventory at the Gloucester store, Shaw discovered one damaged TES without a faceplate or any tritium-containing tubes. The TES was installed in the tire and lube area of the store.

B. Actions Taken

Interviews with the store managers and associates did not provide any information as to when or how the TES was damaged. The Wal-Mart Radiation Safety Officer ("RSO") directed a Certified Health Physicist ("CHP") from Dade Moeller & Associates ("Dade Moeller") to visit the Gloucester store to conduct radiological surveys, package the TES for disposal, and decontaminate the areas to ALARA levels, as necessary. Dade Moeller is a contractor retained by Wal-Mart with the responsibility to assess the radiological impacts of damaged TES. A CHP is planning to visit the Gloucester store by August 1, 2008. Wal-Mart anticipates providing the NRC with a supplemental report within 30 days after the date of that visit.

C. Long-term Corrective Actions

Wal-Mart has implemented and communicated protocols to its stores 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 authorized to receive the damaged TES, within 30 days after the date of the CHP visit.