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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 #3219 located in Williamsburg, 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
285134	20.0	unknown	731 E. Rochambeau Rd., Williamsburg, VA

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

Sincerely,

Richard Dailey
Radiation Safety Officer
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cc: Angela Washington, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Thomas Poindexter, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP

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Attachment A

A. Description of Events

On June 20, 2008, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Wal-Mart") representatives and its contractor Shaw Group, Inc. ("Shaw") visited Wal-Mart store #3219 in Williamsburg, 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 Williamsburg store, Shaw discovered one damaged TES with tritium-containing tubes that failed a glow test. The TES was installed in the non-public associate hallway in 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. Shaw packaged the TES according to standard operating procedures and left it for shipment. The Wal-Mart Radiation Safety Officer ("RSO") directed Wal-Mart representatives and a Certified Health Physicist ("CHP") from Dade Moeller & Associates ("Dade Moeller") to visit the Williamsburg store to conduct radiological surveys 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. Wal-Mart representatives and a CHP are scheduled to visit the Williamsburg store on July 23, 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 transferred the damaged TES to a specific licensee authorized to receive the damaged TES on June 21, 2008. A report of that transfer was sent to the NRC on July 21, 2008.