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**RE: Seiko Corporation of America
Docket No. 030-16033
License No. 29-19080-01 Amendment
Mahwah, Bergen County, New Jersey**

EA Comments

Dear Mr. Lawyer:

The Office of Permit Coordination and Environmental Review of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has completed its review the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a license amendment for Seiko Corporation of America in Mahwah, Bergen County, New Jersey, Docket No. 030-16033, License No. 29-19080-01 Amendment. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

The NJDEP's Bureau of Environmental Regulation's (BER) reviewed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) EA and FONSI concerning the license termination by Seiko Corporation to eliminate the use of Promethium-147, a radioactive material used in watches. Seiko Corporation ceased the use of Promethium on May 30, 2008.

The BER agrees with the NRC, that this action poses no significant impact to the environment and that Seiko Corporation's license should be terminated and the facility should be released for unrestricted use. The work performed by

and the facility should be released for unrestricted use. The work performed by Radiac Environmental Services, Inc. was of good quality and ample assurance is provided that this site meets NRC and NJDEP release criteria.

A 5 gallon waste pail was used to store the decontamination waste. The waste pail was removed by Radiac to their storage facility from which it will be transported to a licensed waste disposal facility. No information was provided about the amount of Promethium being transported or the external radiation level of the pail.

Please note, the two pages following the NRC Form 314 "Certificate of Disposition of Materials" in the Radiac Environmental Services, Inc. Final Status Survey report are backwards, and they can not be read or reviewed.

If you have any questions regarding the above comments, please contact Dennis Zannoni of the BER at 609-777-4252. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the review process.

Sincerely,



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