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Director  
Office of Federal and State Materials  
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Attention: Angela R. McIntosh, Mail Stop T8-E24  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Ms. McIntosh:

Re: Demand for Information and Reporting Damaged Devices Containing Radioactive Material

This letter is in response to a Demand for Information and Reporting Damaged Devices Containing Radioactive Material submitted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on January 16, 2009. This letter requests an extension of the 60-day deadline to respond to the demand and additionally requests certain requirements of the demand to be relaxed or rescinded.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has tritium exit signs in thousands of meetinghouses and other facilities. The NRC Demand For Information requests that we provide information on the number of tritium exit signs we currently possess, the number of signs that should be in our possession, and reasons for any discrepancy. The NRC has previously instructed that organizations are not required to keep an inventory of tritium exit signs. The Church does not have a specific inventory of tritium exit signs. Facilities managers have been instructed on health risks associated with tritium exit signs, what to do if a sign is broken or damaged, and how to properly dispose of signs.

We propose that we conduct research to determine the approximate number of tritium exit signs purchased for new facilities, the number of replacement signs purchased, and conduct a statistically valid survey to determine any potential problems with lost, or unaccounted for signs. We feel it is unreasonably burdensome to try to inventory every sign and that the same result can be achieved through the approach described above.

We propose that we work with you or your designee to formulate a specific investigation strategy that will satisfy the purpose of the demand.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Taylor, Manager  
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cc: Craig Christensen, Managing Director  
Paul Rytting, Director