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May 22, 2009

Michael Fontenot
Radiation Safety Officer
Thermo Fisher Scientific
Process Instruments
1410 Gillingham Lane
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Dear Mr. Fontenot:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and efforts in helping us to host the NRC 2009 Sealed Source and Device Workshop between May 11-15, 2009. As you may know the objective of the Workshop was to provide training to Agreement State and NRC staff on conducting safety evaluations of sealed sources and devices to be in compliance with the regulatory requirements. In the Workshop we had 30 participants from ten Agreement States and the NRC.

The large space that you provided was much more than we expected and we are particularly grateful for providing refreshments every day. The presentation you gave on the workings of your company and the walking tour was most informative. I received many positive comments from participants regarding the tour. Also thank you for providing sound and visual technical support for the Workshop. Your efforts went well beyond what we had expected, and helped in making the Workshop a success.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,
/RA/
Jack Foster, Branch Chief
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Fred Bergeron
Field Service Manager
Thermo Fisher Scientific
Process Instruments
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Dear Mr. Bergeron:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and efforts in helping us to host the NRC 2009 Sealed Source and Device Workshop between May 11-15, 2009. As you may know the objective of the Workshop was to provide training to Agreement State and NRC staff on conducting safety evaluations of sealed sources and devices to be in compliance with the regulatory requirements. In the Workshop we had 30 participants from ten Agreement States and the NRC.

The presentation you gave on the workings of your company and the walking tour was most informative. The unique cases that you discussed helped the participants appreciate the conditions that the devices encounter during their working life. I received many positive comments from participants regarding the tour.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,
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George Marshall
American Portable Nuclear Gauge Association
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Rockville, Maryland 20853

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the time and effort given by you in providing an outstanding, well organized presentation of your organization and the demonstration of the operation of moisture density gauges at the NRC 2009 Sealed Source and Device Workshop on May 13, 2009. The objective of the Workshop was to provide training to Agreement State and NRC staff on conducting safety evaluations of sealed sources and devices to be in compliance with the regulatory requirements. In the Workshop we had 30 participants from ten Agreement States and the NRC.

Given the fact that so many portable gauges are in use, our SSD Team Leader, Dr. John Jankovich was interested in having a large block of time set aside for discussions on the device itself and how it is used. Your presentation was an important element of this Workshop by enabling the participants to become familiar with the design and use of portable gauges. Your presentation contributed significantly to the success of this Workshop.

Thank you once again.

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Mr. James Pate
Emergency & Radiological Services Div.
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Dear Mr. Pate:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and participation as a lecturer at the NRC's 2009 Sealed Source and Device Workshop between May 11-15, 2009. As you may know, the objective of the Workshop was to provide training to the Agreement State and NRC staff on conducting safety evaluations of sealed sources and devices to be in compliance with the regulatory requirements. In the Workshop we had 30 participants from ten Agreement States and the NRC.

The lectures you provided were very clear, detailed, and provided the participants a good perspective on the Sealed Source and Device evaluation process and requirements. As part of your lectures, you provided great examples and stories based on personal experience that greatly enhanced the value of the lectures, and thus gave the participants a higher degree of understanding on the topics discussed. We received very positive feedback from the participants regarding your presentations. Your participation greatly contributed to the success of this Workshop.

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Mr. Joshua Daehler
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Dear Mr. Daehler:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and participation as a lecturer at the NRC's 2009 Sealed Source and Device Workshop between May 11-15, 2009. As you may know, the objective of the Workshop was to provide training to the Agreement State and NRC staff on conducting safety evaluations of sealed sources and devices to be in compliance with the regulatory requirements. In the Workshop we had 30 participants from ten Agreement States and the NRC.

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Mr. John Fassell, CHP
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Dear Mr. Fassell:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and participation as a lecturer at the NRC's 2009 Sealed Source and Device Workshop between May 11-15, 2009. As you may know, the objective of the Workshop was to provide training to the Agreement State and NRC staff on conducting safety evaluations of sealed sources and devices to be in compliance with the regulatory requirements. In the Workshop we had 30 participants from ten Agreement States and the NRC.

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Dr. Robert Emery
Vice President for Safety, Health, Environment & Risk Management
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Associate Professor of Occupational Health
The University of Texas School of Public Health
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Dear Dr. Emery:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your time in providing a tour and presentation of your irradiator facilities on Thursday, April 27, to the participants of the NRC's 2009 Sealed Source and Device Workshop. As you may know, the objective of the Workshop was to provide training to the Agreement State and NRC staff on conducting safety evaluations of sealed sources and devices to be in compliance with the regulatory requirements. In the Workshop we had 30 participants from ten Agreement States and the NRC.

The tour and presentation was very well planned and informative. We received positive feedback from the participants regarding the visit to your facility and the presentation. The participants were able to get a good perspective on how the regulation of such devices relates to the overall Sealed Source and Device evaluation process. You have contributed greatly to the success of this Workshop.

Thank you once again.

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Bill Summers
Vice President & General Manager
Thermo Fisher Scientific
Process Instruments
1410 Gillingham Lane
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Dear Mr. Summers:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your time in providing the meeting room for our Workshop and a tour and presentation of your facility for the participants of the NRC's 2009 Sealed Source and Device Workshop between May 11-15, 2009. As you may know, the objective of the Workshop was to provide training to the Agreement State and NRC staff on conducting safety evaluations of sealed sources and devices to be in compliance with the regulatory requirements. In the Workshop we had 30 participants from ten Agreement States and the NRC.

The tour and presentation given by Mssrs. Michael Fontenot and Fred Bergeron of your staff was very well planned and most informative. Their joint presentation to the Workshop was well-prepared and comprehensive. In addition, they provided continual support and contribution to the workshop program throughout the week. We received very positive feedback from the participants regarding the visit to your facility. The participants were able to get a good perspective on how the regulation of such devices affects the manufacturers and how it relates to the overall Sealed Source and Device evaluation process. You have contributed greatly to the success of this Workshop.

Thank you once again.

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cc: Michael Fontenot
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