
CONVERSATION RECORD

TIME | DATE

6-18-2009

 VISIT CONFERENCE TELEPHONE INCOMING OUTGOING

NAME OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED OR IN CONTACTEric Schneider
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ORGANIZATION (OFFICE, DEPT. ETC.)

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subject

Information related the recent filing of Chapter 11 bankruptcy by General Motors Corporation, relative to their Research Laboratories in Warren, Michigan and its NRC License No. 21-00016-04.

SUMMARY

In our telephone conversation on this date, Mr. Schneider confirmed that General Motors Corporation is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy and involves their Research Laboratories in Warren, Michigan and its NRC License No. 21-00016-04. He related that Kevin Null of Region III had contacted him on 6-16-2009 and informed him of the requirements of 10 CFR 30.34(h) which requires a licensee in bankruptcy to notify the appropriate NRC Regional Administrator in writing immediately after the filing and that this notification must include the identity of the bankruptcy court in which the petition was filed and the date the petition was filed. Mr. Schneider related that preparation of this written notification is in progress. He also confirmed that Mr. Null had requested him to have the licensee contact the bank which provides their Financial Assurance Instrument and confirm from them that the availability of the funds would not be affected as a result of the bankruptcy. Mr. Schneider confirmed that he has requested their legal/financial entities to process this request.

I related a brief summary of their licensed activities as described in the last NRC inspection (March 1, 2007) report which included the following: 1) about 600 employees at their Warren, Michigan Technical Center; 2) a small, non-medical broad scope program with three "authorized users" and a Radiation Safety Committee to review and approve users, uses and facilities; 3) licensed material used for in-vitro R&D in 5 labs; 4) labeled engine oil and activated piston rings used at least weekly in experiments related to automotive engine performance; 5) possession of numerous sealed sources including a Cs-137 calibrator unit, however the majority of the sources had not been used for several years and were maintained in secured storage. Mr. Schneider confirmed that this still describes their licensed activities. I asked about authorized temporary job site usage and he related that these activities involve, occasional, relatively short term, and with generally short lived radio nuclides, and are cleaned up to meet release criteria at the end of the project. Further, he related that there are no current temporary job site activities and that none are currently being planned.

Mr. Schneider related that GM's current intentions are to emerge from bankruptcy in 60 to 90 days as a smaller entity, with fewer facilities, resulting in liquidation of some facilities. He related that the Research Laboratory in Warren, Michigan remains in full operation at this time with no changes in the facilities for the licensed activities, the RSO or other personnel associated with the licensed activities. Further, he related that there are no plans to liquidate the Research Laboratory in Warren, Michigan, nor the NRC licensed activities.

Also discussed with Mr. Schneider was the need for the licensee to provide full information and obtain NRC's prior written consent before transferring control of the license and referred him to Appendix F of NUREG-1556 Vol. 15 for guidance in providing that information.

ACTION REQUIRED

Licensee to provide the prompt written notification regarding their filing of bankruptcy, as required by 10 CFR 30.34(h) and subsequently to provide the information needed for transfer of control as described in Appendix F of NUREG-1556 Vol. 15.

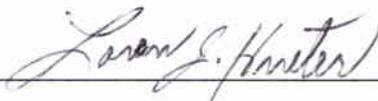
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