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Gentlemen:

This refers to your letter of January 8, 1981 requesting that Special Nuclear Material License No. SNM-639 be amended to change the name of the licensee from Union Carbide Corporation to Union Carbide Subsidiary B, Inc. (Company B).

Your request for a "change in name" is, in fact, a request for transfer of the license to a separate corporate entity. We have had this request under review to consider the relationships of the entities identified. We have concluded that it is inappropriate to amend License No. SNM-639 at this time because, under a leaseback arrangement with Company B, Union Carbide (UCC) is the person in possession and using the special nuclear materials pursuant to this license. Therefore, UCC must be the licensee under the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, and Commission regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Mr. Robert L. Fonner of our Office of the Executive Legal Director at (301) 492-8692.

Sincerely,

Original signed bg Leland C. Rouse

Leland C. Rouse, Chief Advanced Fuel and Spent Fuel Licensing Branch Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety

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