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**Subject:** Re: Request for additional information in support of license application  
**Attachments:** Addn Info.pdf; nrc313.pdf; App H NUREG 1556 Vol 1-errata.pdf

Roberto,

Letter attached answering your queries.

Regards,  
Mark

*(See attached file: Addn Info.pdf)*

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Attn: Roberto J. Torres

**RE: Application for Portable Gauge Licence**

**SUBJECT: Additional Information**

With reference to your email received today, we respond as follows:

- I, Mark Lees, have authority to act on behalf of McConnell Dowell to make a legally binding agreement.
- Current Inventory: Humboldt 5001 Portable Gauge x 1 unit only, Seaman 300 Portable Gauge x 1 unit only.
- We do not intend to acquire additional gauges at this time for our facility in American Samoa. If we find we need additional or replacement gauges, we will forward the radionuclide, manufacturer's name and model number to you along with any further information you require for pre-approval prior to shipping the unit.
- Copy of the most recent leak test result attached for the Humboldt 5001 Portable Gauge and the latest calibration test certificate of the Seaman 300 Portable Gauge. A leak test has been carried out today on the Seaman 300 and the results will be forwarded to you as soon as we receive them.
- We will implement and maintain the operating, emergency and security procedures described in the errata sheet to Appendix H of NUREG-1556, Volume 1, Revision 1, dated November 2001 and will provide copies of these procedures to all gauge users and at each job site.
- We have purchased the NeutronRAE II Personal Radiation Detector for use during an incident.

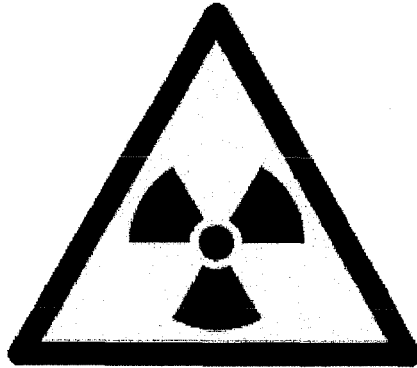
We trust this meets with your approval

Yours Sincerely,

Mark Lees  
Project Engineer  
McConnell Dowell (American Samoa) Ltd

# Leak Test Certificate No 1410

## Nuclear Density Gauge



Gauge Type & Number: Humboldt 5001c S/No 1687

Client: McConnell Dowell, Box 2758 Shortland Street, Auckland

Sources checked: Cs-137 S/no 9390 GH

Am-241:Be S/no NJ 01659

Radiation Meter:- ND-2RP SNo 35068

Date: 29 - 01 - 09

Method : Groundtest Comparator Method

Scale: 0.1 cpm

Result: Background 80cpm, Test 80cpm

Meter Check: 1400cpm

Passed : ..... *M Mahoney* .....

M Mahoney, Technician.

This certificate applies only to the item tested, as identified on this certificate

# GROUNDTEST Equipment



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To: McConnell Dowell  
PO BOX 4664  
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Attn: Lindsay Murray  
Date: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Re: Calibration of Seaman C300 Nuclear Density Gauge S/No 21112

Calibrated according to the Seaman gauge internal calibration method.  
Results are as follows:

Density	Touchable	Untouchable	Moisture Touchable	Moisture Untouchable
109.23 pcf (1757 kg/m3)	1.3214	1.2075	0.0 302	0.0 295
133.17 pcf (2141 kg/m3)	1.5006	1.3264	31.706 10036	31.706 8915
162.8 pcf (2607 kg/m3)	1.7387	1.4730		

Standard Counts DS 51477, MS 9503 Stat test 42572 (0.894F) 1995 (1:042P)

CONSTANTS	A	B	C
TOUCHABLE	131.1514	0.2197	0.2151
UNTOUCHABLE	131.7577	0.0234	0.3813

## CALIBRATION CHECK

Al (2607 kg/m3) Al/Mg (2142 kg/m3) Mg(1757 kg/m3)

Touchable	2608	2115	1752
Untouchable	2611	2142	1742

Richard Burden  
Manager

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