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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Attention: Mr. John H. Hickey - Section Leader
Material Licensing Branch

Reference: Environmental Laundries Radioactive Materials License Number
31-21168-01, dated October, 1982.

Dear Mr. Hickey:

Interstate Nuclear Services, Corp., a subsidiary of Interstate Uniform Services, Corporation, is now in the final stage of negotiations to acquire substantially all of the assets of Environmental Laundries, Inc., a subsidiary of Tri-State Industrial Laundries of Utica, New York. Interstate will be taking title to all of Tri-State's Nuclear Division assets including machinery, vehicles, health physics equipment, etc., on February 1, 1984. These assets are now located at two Tri-State plants: one in Utica, New York and one in Royersford, Pennsylvania. In Royersford, Pennsylvania, we will be acquiring the building and land owned by Tri-State as well as the assets within this property. In Utica, New York, we will only be acquiring the machinery used by their nuclear division and we will not be acquiring any buildings or land. The nuclear portion of Tri-State's operations in Utica, New York, will be terminated shortly after February 1, 1984, and this portion of the Utica plant will be decommissioned for free release. The clean up and decommissioning project will be Tri-State's, not Interstate's. We will be moving the assets from Utica, New York, to one of our other facilities but will have no further involvement in the operation in Utica, New York.

We will continue to operate the Royersford, Pennsylvania plant in the manner in which it is operated presently after February 1, 1984. Tri-State's Nuclear Division personnel will join Interstate Nuclear Services, Corp., as of that date and will continue to provide support to Interstate personnel operating the Royersford plant. The same radiation protection program specified in Tri-State's original license application will be adhered to and all of the Health Physics instrumentation and accessories will also be utilized as they now are being used.

Interstate will not be acquiring any of the capital stock of Tri-State Industrial Laundries, Inc. I understand this point is very important in licensing considerations. Having fully described our intentions above, we are requesting that Tri-State's Radioactive Material License # 31-21168-01, be transferred to Interstate Nuclear Services, Corp. on 2/1/84. Maintaining continuity of

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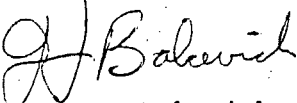
operations in Royersford is of extreme importance to Tri-State's present customers. The majority of present customers are commercial power reactors which rely on uninterrupted protective clothing decontamination and related services. A break in laundry service at one of these utilities during an outage could result in stopping outage work at a cost of \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 per day. Interstate has been in the nuclear laundry business for 25 years and has demonstrated an expertise in this area to the satisfaction of the AEC, NRC and numerous state regulatory agencies. We now operate 7 fixed laundry facilities as well as portable units on reactor sites. We have a full time, degreed Corporate Health Physicist whose only responsibility is to assure management at Interstate that all nuclear laundries are operated in strict accordance with applicable regulations and that continual improvements are being made to assure that personnel exposures and environmental releases are maintained as low as reasonably achievable.

Our Corporate Health Physicist, Mr. Gregg Johnstone, and I will be in Washington on Wednesday, 1/11/84, on related business. If you should desire to meet with us to discuss this matter further, we will be available at anytime that day. I will give you a call on the morning of 1/11/84 to ask you if a meeting is necessary or desirable on that day. If you should have any further questions prior to that time, please feel free to call Mr. Gregg Johnstone on 413-543-6911.

Due to the sensitive nature and privacy of the above described business acquisition, we are requesting that this letter and correspondence associated with it be withheld from the Public Document Room. The information described in this letter is strictly proprietary and we request that it be maintained as such.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely yours
INTERSTATE NUCLEAR SERVICES, CORP.


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