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January 7, 2011

Mr. Bill Reichhold  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210  
Lisle, Illinois 60532-4352

Dear Mr. Reichhold:

This letter is in response to your fax dated January 4, 2011. I would like to confirm that we are still in operation and following all security requirements per NRC regulations. Following are answers to your questions:

1. *Please confirm for each portable gauge, that two independent physical controls are used to form a tangible barrier to secure portable gauges from unauthorized removal, whenever portable gauges are not under the control and constant surveillance of the licensee.*

**All gauges are secured with two independent physical controls per NRC regulations.**

2. *Because of the regulations cited above require each licensee to provide the required notification, we request your assistance in providing to us the names, addresses and telephone numbers of any other entities who may be affected by the bankruptcy (i.e. other daughter companies of a bankrupt parent company, where the daughter has an NRC or Agreement State license).*

**No other entities/daughter companies exist.**

3. Also, please provide the following information:

*Please identify what radionuclides and / or nuclear gauges are possessed by your company at this time.*

**A complete inventory of all nuclear gauges is attached.**

*Please indicate if you plant to dispose of any of your radionuclide and / or gauges during bankruptcy proceedings.*

**We do not intend on disposing of any gauges during the bankruptcy.**

*For each of the radionuclides and / or nuclear gauge(s) identified above, please specify if the radionuclide(s) and or device(s) are in use or in secured storage at this time.*

**We do have several projects at this time that are utilizing nuclear gauges. All other gauges not in use are securely stored.**

*Please indicate if there have been any changes in the Radiation Safety Officer or authorized user(s) for the radionuclides and / or nuclear gauges.*

**No changes have been made in the Radiation Safety Officer or authorized user(s).**

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*Please specify the type of bankruptcy filed, such as Chapter 11, 12 or 13.*

**We filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code for the purposes of re-structuring. The case is pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The case number is 10-55500. It has been assigned to Bankruptcy Judge Susan Pierson Sonderby**

*Please describe any changes that are planned for the company operations and use/storage/disposition of the radionuclides and / or nuclear gauges during the bankruptcy proceedings.*

**We will continue to conduct business without interruption.**

*Please indicate the anticipated date when the bankruptcy will end.*

**We are pleased to announce that through strategic planning, we anticipate that the case will be very short, and hope to emerge from chapter 11 as a stronger company during the second calendar quarter of 2011.**

*Please specify who will be the contact person and at what frequency will they update the NRC concerning any changes in the status of the radionuclides and / or nuclear gauge(s) or the bankruptcy proceedings. Please make sure you immediately contact the NRC of any change in status of use, security and / or storage of the radionuclides and / or nuclear gauges and any change in the individual(s) responsible for the radionuclide and / or nuclear gauge(s)*

**Scott R. Nelson, RSO will be the contact person. He will update the NRC with any changes in the status of the gauges. We will also notify the NRC when our bankruptcy case has ended.**

*Please identify any generally licensed radionuclide and / or nuclear gauge(s) you may possess at your facilities.*

**We do not have any generally licensed gauges in our possession.**

Please call if you have any additional questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. H. Holmes Testing Laboratories, Inc.

Scott R. Nelson  
President / RSO

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