



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

November 28, 2017

The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Visclosky:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of October 3, 2017, forwarding a summary of correspondence with your constituent, Jim Hanlon. Mr. Hanlon was seeking your assistance in determining how to properly dispose of exit signs containing tritium, as he indicated he had not received an adequate response from the NRC.

On September 28, 2017, NRC staff spoke with Mr. Hanlon about possible disposal options for tritium exit signs and followed up with an email describing specifically how to find entities authorized to provide disposal services for such items. At the time, NRC staff was under the impression that Mr. Hanlon was the rightful owner of the exit signs. We did not receive any follow-up inquiries from Mr. Hanlon.

Following receipt of your letter, NRC staff conducted a conference call with Mr. Hanlon. During the call, Mr. Hanlon stated that he had turned the signs over to the safety officer for the owner of the building where the signs were found. This action was consistent with NRC regulations governing the safe disposal of tritium exit signs. We expressed our appreciation to Mr. Hanlon for recognizing that the signs contained radioactive material and taking actions to dispose of them in a compliant and safe manner.

We appreciate the opportunity to address your constituent's concern and ensure the safe disposal of radioactive material. If you need anything additional, please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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Victor M. McCree  
Executive Director  
for Operations

RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATIVE PETER VISCLOSKY – CONSITUENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE REGARDING DISPOSAL OF TRITIUM SIGNS FOUND AT CONSTRUCTION SITE DATED: November 28, 2017

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