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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region I  
631 Park Avenue  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director

Subject: I E Bulletin No. 79-19

Dear Mr. Grier:

This is in reference to your letter dated August 10, 1979 concerning the safe transfer, packaging and transport of low-level radioactive waste. Rhone-Poulenc Inc. (formerly Rhodia, Inc.) holds License No. 29-10144-02 for radionuclides  $^{63}\text{Ni}$  (sealed source) and  $^{14}\text{C}$  used in environmental and metabolism studies. Issue date September 29, 1978 - Expiration date September 30, 1983.

In my capacity of acting Radiation Protection Officer and in compliance with subject Bulletin No. 79-19, I am providing some pertinent information with regard to safe transfer, packaging and transport of low-level radioactive waste for the Radiochemistry Laboratory of our Agricultural Division.

Point 1 thru 8 of I E Bulletin No. 79-19:

The implementation for compliance with NRC and DOT Regulations was established and enforced by the formation of a Safety Committee with specifications of Organization and Function embodied in a Management Approved Radiation Safety Manual. This Manual virtually includes each and every safety action required by the licensee. As far as disposal is concerned, packaging procedures for low specific activity radioactive waste were provided by our contractor (Teledyne-Isotopes) in conjunction with requirements by the burial site of the State of Washington.

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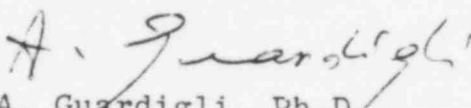
Our Radiochemistry Lab did not generate any low-level radioactive waste during 1978 or during the first six months of 1979. No shipments of solid waste were made and no liquid waste was generated.

Although not specifically requested, we would like to inform you that for the remainder of 1979, it is anticipated that we will be making only one disposal shipment not to exceed a total of five (5) millicuries of  $^{14}\text{C}$ .

We hope that the information supplied above will satisfy the Bulletin intent.

Yours truly,

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