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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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July 26, 2019

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SUBJECT: METRO AIRCRAFT INSTRUMENTS —THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S FOLLOW-ON VISIT AND CONFIRMATION OF GAUGE STORAGE

Mr. Schulte:

As described in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) letter dated June 7, 2018,¹ during our initial site visit to the property at 2135 Airport Road, Waterford, Michigan, on March 27 – 28, 2017, the NRC staff identified the presence of radium-containing gauges and switches owned by Metro Aircraft Instruments. These gauges and switches were placed into cardboard boxes and then placed into a closet to limit the doses from the gauges to occupants of the building. At that time, Metro Aircraft Instruments verbally committed to comply with the general license requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 31.12 (these requirements are outlined in our June 7, 2018 letter and are provided as an enclosure to this letter).

In a discussion on May 16, 2018 and in subsequent conversations, NRC staff understood that assets for Metro Aircraft Instruments, because of its closure, have been placed into a Trust. These assets include the previously described radium-containing gauges and switches. You have subsequently told the NRC staff that you are the appropriate point of contact for the Trust.

Because of the closure of Metro Aircraft Instruments in 2018, on May 29, 2019, NRC staff observed that the radium gauges and switches are currently in the Trust's possession. It is NRC staff's understanding that, as the representative of the Trust, you understand that these gauges will need to be disposed consistent with NRC's regulations in 10 CFR 31.12 and that the Trust will need to comply with the other regulations within 10 CFR 31.12.

The NRC staff requests that it be notified if the ownership of these gauges change due to ongoing litigation regarding the assets of Metro Aircraft Instruments.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

¹ Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17136A089.

Additionally, if you have any questions, you can contact me, Stephen Koenick, Chief, Low-Level Waste and Projects Branch, Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery and Waste Programs, NMSS, at (301) 415-6631, or Mr. Richard Chang, Project Manager, at (301) 415-5888, may also be contacted.

Sincerely,



Stephen Koenick, Chief
Low-Level Waste and Projects Branch
Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery
and Waste Programs
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No.: 03038985

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Applicable NRC Regulations

cc:

Royal Air


Attn: Kirt Kostich

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SUBJECT: METRO AIRCRAFT INSTRUMENTS-2 —THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S FOLLOW-ON VISIT AND CONFIRMATION OF SAFE AND SECURE GAUGE STORAGE DATE: July 26, 2019

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