TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS 77843

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> Mr. Karl V. Seyfrit Director Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV 611 Ryan Plaza Drive Suite 1000 Arlington, Tx 76012

> > Ref: IE Bult. 79-19 Docket No. 50-59 50-128

Dear Sir:

Texas A&M University is currently operating its radioactive waste collection under a centralized program. Although there exist two reactor licenses R-23 and R-83 as well as a byproduct license 42-9082-16 all radioactive waste is considered as processed, prepared, and transferred to the contractor under Agreement State License 6-448.

All radioactive waste is prepared at Texas A&M University by Radiological Safety personnel and picked up on site by Todd Research and Development, Inc..

Liquid, solid and animal carcasses are loaded in 55 gallon drums per Todd Nuclear instruction for transport.

No direct transaction is undertaken with the disposal site management by Texas A&M University.

This reply is considered applicable to the requirements stated in the notices sent separately to 1) R-23 2) R-83 and 3) Texas A&M University.

Sincerely,

R. D. Neff

Radiological Safety Officer

RDN:da

Enclosure

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Ceptember 24, 1979 Director NRC Regional Office Region IV Arlington, Tx 76012 Ref: Docket Nos. 50-59 50-128 IE Bul. No. 79-19 Requirements: #1. DOT and NRC regulations are maintained by Health Physics Operations at two locations. University Radiological Safety Office and the Nuclear Science Center. #2. Radioactive waste disposal is with an intermediate contractor. Copies of contract agreement are on file at the Radiological Safety Office. Todd Nuclear Division of Todd Research and Development is currently the collection contractor for Texas A&M University. #3. The Staff of the Radiological Safety Office, Texas A&M University are the responsible designees for preparation and packaging. Staff personnel include: R. D. Neff J. E. Simek P. S. Sandel E. F. Bates B. Schoenbucher D. R. Davis G. Wiechering #4. Instructions are on file, and are a part of the contract agreement. Staff members will be routinely briefed on applicable procedures and regulations. #6. Radiation workers perform duties under direct supervision of University Broad License-Sublicensees. #7. Material accountability is maintained at a) Radiological Safety Office and the two production capable facilities b) Nuclear Science Center and c) Cyclotron Institute. Records audit will be made by appointed personnel of the University Radiological Safety Board semiannually. 1396 339

- #8. Review and audit of waste management activities is the responsibility of the Radiological Safety Board. Records of audits will be maintained at the Radiological Safety Office.
- #9-1. 1978 shipments none
 1979 shipments one
 Vo1 = 30 each 55 gallon drums

Total Curie Content

of Shipment = .5619185

#9-3. Liquid low-level radioactive waste is shipped in 20 gallon quantities per 55 gallon drum with vermiculite filler. Drums are opened and liquid processed by Todd Nuclear (collection contractor).