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James G. Keppler  
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Region III  
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Dear Mr. Keppler:

This letter is in response to your IE bulletin no 79-19. All of our radioactive waste is disposed of through Atomic Disposal Co., Inc. (lic. no. 12-11286-1).

Since we have a new license and have only utilized our disposal service once, I am unable to respond to some of the questions.

1. We have copies of the following documents relating to transfer, packaging and transport of waste:

"A Review of DOT Regulations for Transportation of Radioactive Materials." Published by Office of Hazardous Materials U.S. Department of Transportation (Covers 49 CFR 170-179).

IE Information notice no. 79-21, "Transportation and Commercial Burial of Radioactive Materials."

10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging of Radioactive Material for Transport and Transportation of Radioactive Material Under Certain Conditions."

2. We also have the following document:

10 CFR Part 150 - "Exemptions and Continued Regulatory Authority in Agreement States Under Section 274".

3. The Radiation Safety Officer, Dr. Elaine Edmonds, is responsible for the safe storage and handling of radioactive material at the Northwest Center for Medical Education.

- 4-5. Instructions and procedures for handling and storage, prior to pick-up by Atomic Disposal, is included in the Radiation Protection Program which is distributed to all users of radioactive material. Verbal instructions are also given at the time of approval of a responsible investigator. I might add that we are a small group and communication is not a problem for us. We will have annual

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meetings with all responsible investigators to up-date information and discuss any problems.

- 7-8. Auditing is a continuous function of the Radiation Safety Officer. Records are maintained of all orders, receipts and disposals of radioactive material. A copy of the receipt form provided by the Atomic Disposal is also on file.
9. In 1978 and the first six months of 1979 we disposed of no radioactive waste. I am unclear concerning what is meant by a plan of action and schedule. We operate under the instructions give to us by our diposal service. According to them, the method of packaging changes from time to time and we are kept informed.

If I have misunderstood this bulletin and other action is required, please notify us and we will willingly comply.

Sincerely yours,

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