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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of November 1, 1979 concerning IE Bulletin 79-19, "Packaging of Low-Level Radioactive Waste and Burial" in which we are required to report, in writing, our plan of action and schedule with regard to three (3) particular items:

Provide answers for 1978 and for the first six months of 1979 to the following questions:

Question #1: How many low-level radioactive waste shipments did you make? What was the volume of low-level radioactive waste shipped:

ANSWER: A. 1979 - 5 B. Volume 1979 - 67.5
A. 1978 - 2 B. Volume 1979 - 52.5

Question #2: What was the quantity (curies) of low-level radioactive waste shipped. What were the major isotopes in the low-level radioactive waste?

ANSWER: A. 1979 - 3.617 MCI 1978 - 42 MCI
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Question #3 Did you generate liquid low-level radioactive waste? If the answer is 'yes,' what process was used to solidify the liquid waste?

ANSWER: Yes, Vermiculite placed in drum with bottled (polypropylene) liquid waste.

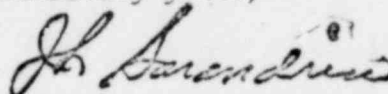
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November 17, 1979

We hope that we have answered the questions satisfactorily, and we sincerely apologize for the delay.

Sincerely yours,



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