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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region 1
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Re: Your Letter of October 12, 1979
Docket No. 030-0800

Attention: Robert O. McClintock, Chief
Materials Radiological Protection Section

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of October 12, 1979 requesting an explanation of our compliance with NRC requirements, we respond with the following information, given in the same order as your letter:

1. Corrective steps taken and results achieved

Dr. Zapsalis of the Chemistry Department contacted the Interex Corporation located at 3 Strathmore Road, Natick, Mass. to arrange for the disposal of the Tritium Foil. The Interex Corporation is licensed by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to handle such a task. At first, the company agreed to assume the assignment of disposing of the Tritium Foil, but unfortunately as of October 31, 1979, we were advised in a telephone conversation with Interex that the refuse sites at Hanford, Washington and South Carolina are not accepting currently any more waste material. We were further advised that it will be more than three weeks before we will know what they intend to do.

Regarding the application for the request of a new license for Ni⁶³ to be used in the Perkin-Elmer Gas Chromatograph 910, the application form has been completed but cannot be forwarded to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission without the form NRC-314 (Certificate of Disposition of Materials) that would have verified the disposal of the Tritium Foil. Please advise with respect to this matter. We wish to add that Ni⁶³ is not on our premises since we have no license as yet.

2. Corrective steps to be taken to avoid further items of noncompliance.

As soon as the Tritium Foil is disposed of legally and a new license is granted for Ni⁶³, we shall obey the regulations set forth by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. A tickler file will be set up to follow up on renewal of expired licenses.

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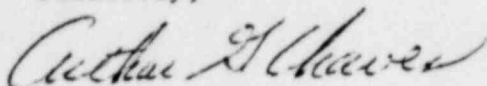
Robert O. McClintock, Chief

3. Date when full compliance will be achieved

We hope to fully comply with the regulations as soon as Interex Corporation assumes the task of disposing of the Tritium Foil Source. Please be assured that in the meantime, the Source is stored in an appropriate place and it is not being used at all.

Any advice you can extend to us regarding the items in this letter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Arthur G. Chaves
Vice President Administration & Finance

AGC/md

cc: Dr. D. Justin McCarthy, President
Dr. Charles Zapsalis, Chairman, Chemistry Department

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