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

Dear Mr. Grier:

This letter is in response to IE Bulletin No. 79-19, which deals with Packaging of Low-Level Radioactive Waste for Transport and Burial. These wastes have been generated in our nuclear medicine clinic and clinical laboratories under By product Material License 06-13905-01.

The answers provided here follow the numerical sequence of Bulletin 79-19.

1. NRC regulations regarding the handling of low-level radioactive wastes are on hand. The DOT regulations are on order from the Superintendent of Documents.
2. A set of regulations with up-to-date changes has been provided by Nuclear Diagnostic Laboratories, the contractor who has been collecting our low-level wastes.
3. Dr. Lawrence Gluck, M.D. has been designated as the responsible person for handling low-level radioactive wastes.
- 4,5,6, 7,8,9. Because of recent changes in the availability of disposal services for low-level radioactive wastes, we are currently storing wastes in shielded containers. We have applied to the NRC License Management Branch for an amendment to our License to permit this method of handling such wastes. We expect that our license amendment will be approved, making it unnecessary to package wastes for transportation.

Details of our proposed method for handling low-level radioactive wastes were included in our application for a license amendment.

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Answers to questions under item 9:

	<u>Calendar 1978</u>	<u>6 months, 1979</u>
1. Shipments made Volume	24 120 gallons	12 60 gallons
2. Curies shipped Major isotopes	0.002 ⁶⁷ Ga	0.001 ⁶⁷ Ga
3. Liquid wastes (solutions in vials and syringes) were placed in containers.		

Sincerely,

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