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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Attn: Glen D. Brown Chief
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Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the Commission's recent safety inspection findings on March 12, 1981, of activities authorized by NRC By-product Material License No. 42-09073-02. The following are the actions being taken to correct the three items of noncompliance found and to prevent their recurrence:

1. a. A letter was mailed on April 1, 1981, to the NRC Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards requesting that a general license be issued our Company for shipment in containers as outlined in 10 CFE, Part 71.12.
b. Whenever new or additional equipment is required in the future, a revision or amendment will be submitted to the NRC Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.
2. a. On March 12, 1981, a request was made to several source manufacturers to obtain copies of certificates of compliance for transport of Type B quantities of Iridium-192 which were applicable to our program.
b. Copies of the certificates of compliance arrived on March 18, 1981, and are now being maintained on file.
c. Whenever new or additional equipment is required, certificates of compliance will be requested and placed on file.
3. a. Also on March 18, 1981, copies of certificates of competent authority for transport of special form radiography sources were obtained which were applicable to our program.
b. These certificates are now being maintained on file.
c. Whenever new or additional equipment is required certificates will be requested and placed on file.

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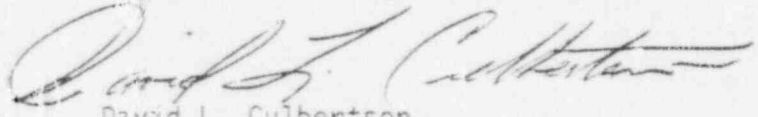
4. Full compliance of items 2 and 3 above are now in effect. Item 1 will be in full compliance when the NRC issues our Company a general license, which is expected by June 1, 1981.

We believe that these actions will be sufficient to remedy the specific areas of non-compliance. If there are further questions concerning these matters, please feel free to contact us.

I hereby affirm that the information included in this letter is true and correct.

Sincerely,

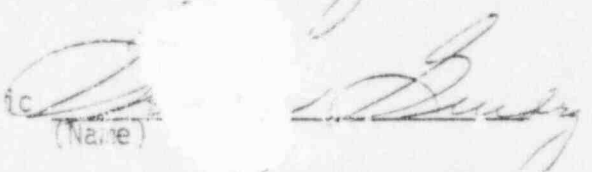
TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY



David L. Culbertson
Quality Assurance Supervisor
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of April

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Notary Public 
(Name)

My commission expires 4-12-85
(Date)

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Notary Public State of Texas

My Commission Expires April 12, 1985

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