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Dear Mr. Minogue:

It has recently come to the attention of the Personnel Dosimetry Testing Laboratory Overview Committee that NRC intends to report the results of the personnel dosimetry pilot study to Congress in September. It is also our understanding that as a result of the data obtained from the pilot study, you have authorized Phil Plato to visit eight commercial suppliers to help determine the reasons for the inconsistency in the results obtained from the pilot program. It is our opinion that this eight lab survey is not representative of the total field of personnel dosimetry and that you should extend this site visitation program to include a more representative sample. We also feel you should solicit help from this committee in this visitation program to obtain a well-rounded opinion of the problems that may exist at the various institutions.

We feel you must expand the site visitation program and not sacrifice the quality of the results of the testing program by trying to meet a September 1979 deadline. If there are real problems in the personnel dosimetry industry, then a few extra months and dollars are surely necessary to insure what you report to Congress is correct. You should keep in mind that the Health Physics Standard was designed only as a performance standard to check the inconsistencies in personnel dosimetry programs. It was not, per se, designed to check the accuracy of these programs. We ask that you keep this concept in mind when you evaluate the results of the pilot study.

We also ask, as representative members of the personnel dosimetry industry, that you do a more in-depth study of the possible problems in the industry before you make any official reports to Congress.

Yours very truly,

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