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In response to your IE Bulletin No. 79-19 of August 10, 1979 issued by the USNRC, Office of Inspection and Enforcement Washington D.C. I herewith inform you that Unitrode Corporation is a manufacturer of high grade electronic components and that no radio active waste has ever been transferred in the past or will be in the future.

Unitrode Corporation in Salem uses two Trio tech Tracer-flo machines for hermeticity testing of the manufactured components. This process, which is well established in the electronic industry, uses the radio isotope Kr85 as a tracergas. Rejected units, which now contain Kr85, are not transferred, but stored in a controlled area untill the gas has leaked out and is vented through a stack on the roof of the building.

All Rules and Regulations as per Title 10, Chapter 1, Part 20, Code of Federal Regulations, issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission are strictly enforced.

I will be happy to furnish you with any other information you may require.

Very truly yours,


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