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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sirs:

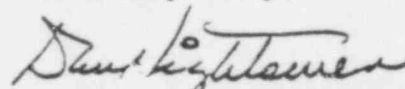
This letter is in reference to the Notice in the Federal Register of Volume 44, No. 82/Thursday, April 26, 1979 concerning a proposed rule, subject: "In Vitro Uses of Byproduct Material; Addition of Veterinarians to the In Vitro General License."

We have been using radioassay tests for measuring physiological function in animals for a number of years. This has been done under my specific authorization to the University license. We also teach veterinary students how to use these tests and interpret the results. It is my opinion that veterinarians have the necessary training to use these kits safely and should be included under a general license.

I urge you to favorably consider the proposed rule to include veterinarians in a general license for in vitro uses of byproduct materials.

I shall be happy to supply additional information concerning this matter if you need it.

Yours very truly,



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