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USNRC LICENSE NO. 12-11286-1

July 13, 1979

Mr. James G. Keppler
Director
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of June 29, 1979, we have enclosed a list of the quantities of packages that remain in our warehouse in excess of the six-month time limit specified in our license. We have also listed the activities of these packages as you have requested.

We feel confident at this time that we will be able to dispose of all drums on this list by August 31, 1979.

To explain briefly what has occurred to cause this backlog of old inventory we offer the following:

1. When the NECO-Sheffield, Illinois site closed down we were left with all bulk liquid collected prior to the shutdown. We just recently learned that Todd Research in Texas is accepting this type of waste and have begun shipping it to them.
2. By stockpiling the bulk liquid we cut into our remaining storage space. We rented an adjacent unit within the same building and requested approval from the NRC for this additional space. Approval did not come forth for months, almost causing us to shut down our operation completely.
3. This, coupled with the severe weather of last winter, forced us to begin a "last in, first out" inventory system. This was necessitated by the fact that old waste was stored behind the new waste and no room remained in which to rotate our inventory.

The problem was compounded by disposal site shutdowns and limitations on types of waste accepted and the lack of equipment available to transport the waste to the sites. The latter, of course, caused by the tremendous snowfall in this area last winter and more recently a result of trucker slowdowns and strikes.

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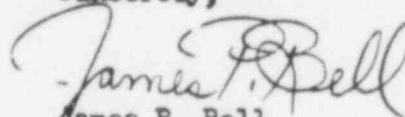
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We do not offer the preceding information as an excuse for our obvious violation, but as an explanation of the events that precipitated the problem and have perpetuated it.

Rest assured that the situation is being corrected at this time, and steps are being taken to prevent a recurrence.

Sincerely,


James P. Bell
President

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Encl.

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INVENTORY OF PACKAGES STORED IN EXCESS
OF SIX MONTHS AND REMAINING ON OUR
SITE AS OF JULY 13, 1979

30/55 gal. double-walled bulk liquid drums	212
20/35 gal. double-walled bulk liquid drums	93
10/35 gal. double-walled bulk liquid drums	71
5/30 gal. double-walled bulk liquid drums	51
55 gal. drums of solid and vial waste	938
35 gal. drums of solid and vial waste	48
30 gal. drums of solid and vial waste	241
22 gal. drums of solid and vial waste	150
5 gal. pails of solid and vial waste	13

The above packages contain the following activity:

9,499.96 mc
2,467 source lbs. ^{238}U