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United Nuclear Corporation
Recovery Systems
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Bowers
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Gentlemen:

We have recently completed a review of your Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan with respect to your procedures for tamper-sealing containers of special nuclear material. Based on this review, we have determined that your program is deficient in that there is not a commitment for the two individuals applying a seal to attest to the contents of the container or vault. While this may have been the intent in Section 7.4.3 where it is indicated that two individuals will witness the application and destruction of seals, the commitment needs to be more explicitly stated. Accordingly, we are adding a new License Condition 7.8 to Materials and Plant Protection Amendment MPP-2 to your License No. SNM-777, effective immediately, as follows:

7.8 Two individuals shall attest to the contents of containers or vaults prior to tamper-safing.

This matter was brought to the attention of your Mr. J. L'Heureux by Mr. C. Emeigh of my staff on July 11, 1979, and consensual agreement on the intent of the condition was reached.

Please note that the new condition is identified as Condition 7.8 rather than 7.7 which would appear from our April 30, 1979 letter to be the next sequential number. The Condition 7.6 in the referenced letter should have been identified as Condition 7.7.

Sincerely,

James G. Partlow, Chief
Material Control & Accountability
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