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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region III 799 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to your August 10th letter requesting a report in compliance with IE Bulletin No. 79-19.

As stipulated on page 3 of the Bulletin No. 79-19 Cornell College need not take action enumerated therein since we do not generate low-level radioactive waste. Our license is for a sealed Pu-Be source which is used to irradiate foils (indium, manganese, and silver) producing very low activities with half-lives of a few hours or less. These foils are then re-used each year.

Sincerely,

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