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MEMORANDUM FOR: Glen D. Brown, Chief
FFMS Branch, Region IV

FROM: Ross A. Scarano, Chief
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO RIO ALGOM LETTER OF MARCH 14, 1979

This memorandum is in reference to Rio Algom's March 14, 1979, letter to Region IV, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, concerning the discontinuation of TLD dosimetry badges for personnel whole body monitoring.

We disagree with Rio Algom's position, "Dosimetry was not a license condition." Please refer to Page No. 40 of their license application dated August 6, 1976, which is referenced in Condition No. 10 of their Source Material License (SUA-1119). As specified in Condition No. 10 operations must be carried out "in accordance with statements, representation, and conditions contained in the documents referenced in this condition." This condition, therefore, makes the requirements for personnel external radiation monitoring a condition of their license.

Since personnel badging is a condition of their license, discontinuation of TLD badging would require approval from the Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch in the form of a license amendment. If they desire to pursue the deletion of TLD badging from their license, they must submit an amendment request to the Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch, Division of Waste Management, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555. This amendment request must be accompanied by a license fee of \$3,500 and a detailed evaluation of all personnel external dosimetry data to date. Until such time that a decision is made by the NRC to amend their license to authorize deletion of their TLD program, they are required to maintain the program specified in their license application.

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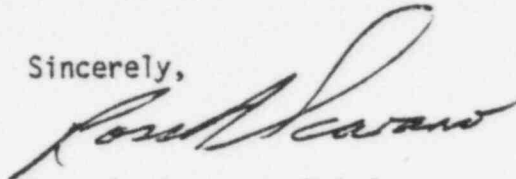
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In addition, Rio Algom should give immediate management attention to familiarizing their staff with the requirements of their license. If they have any questions concerning specific requirements of their license, please have them call Mr. John Linehan of my staff (Telephone 301-427-4103).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross A. Scarano".

Ross A. Scarano, Chief
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch
Division of Waste Management

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