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Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Radiological Control Office

October 16,1979

A. B. Davis, Chief Fuel Facility & Materials Safety Branch U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 799 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Re: License No. 12-01109-08

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of October 1,1979 concerning Item 1 of Appendix A, we have taken the following actions:

- Find enclosed a letter to all iodine users requiring urine samples for handling activities in excess of 1.0 mCi.
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Sincerely,

Y. Gerhardt Jaspers Radiation Safety Officer

Enclosure cc: Dr. John C. Cuyon



Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Radiological Control October 5, 1979

TO: All Users of ¹²⁵I and ¹³¹I

FROM: J. Gerhardt Jaspers

SUBJECT: Bioassay Requirements

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