

# UNC RECOVERY SYSTEMS

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Walter G. Martin  
Chief, Safeguards Branch  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

On June 12, 1979 this facility made a routine shipment of about 690 grams of U<sub>235</sub> to the Tuxedo (N.Y.) facility of Union Carbide. The shipment was in line with a long-standing schedule by which UCC is regularly supplied with small quantities of material to meet their programmatic needs. All normal safeguards and accountability procedures were applied to the shipment. However, the DOE-NRC Form 741 used to document such transactions was not mailed concurrently, but was mailed on June 19, 1979 in adequate time to allow receiver reconciliation and compliance within the historically-acceptable ten-day period.

The delay of one week is unusual in that it constituted an unauthorized lapse in our internal procedures; however, in no way did it compromise the security or accountability of the material (as you know, the Form 741 contains no essential accountability information not contained on other shipping documents accompanying each shipment). The delay was intentionally taken by an accountability representative to facilitate UCC's schedule, and only after prior concurrence by our Oak Ridge DOE accountability contact.

Even so, the delayed mailing of the form is not acceptable practice and will not be repeated. Additional measures which will prevent such in the future include:

1. All future shipments will be controlled by a "route card" procedure, which includes a comprehensive shipping checklist.

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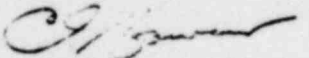
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- 2. Shipping and other accountability programs will come under the cognizance of a new managerial position, created especially to improve such areas, when the incumbent reports in July.
- 3. The performance of the accountability personnel involved in the present instance is being reviewed for possible corrective actions.

Measures 1 & 2 were virtually ready for implementation before the shipping event.

We will of course discuss the matter in detail with you if appropriate. In our opinion, this correspondence is exempt from requirements for release in public document rooms, and uncontrolled release would not be in the public interest.

Yours truly,  
UNC Recovery Systems

  
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