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University of Cincinnati Department of Biological Sciences ATTN: Richard D. Karp, Ph.D. 821A Rieveschl Hall (ML 006) Cincinnati, OH 45221-0006

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated August 30, 1989, conveying your concerns regarding the university's policy for transporting and distributing radioisotopes to research laboratories.

The Radiation Safety Office's current package distribution policy was reviewed by our inspectors during a recent inspection at the university and does not appear contrary to regulatory requirements. However, the safety office plans to modify the existing policy and establish a branch package distribution center in or near Rieveschl Hall about one day per week. The branch location will be manned by a safety office staff member and enable west campus researchers to pick-up radioisctope shipments without traveling across campus. The university is also considering the feasibility of routine radiation safety office package delivery to all researchers.

We suggest you contact the Radiation Safety Office (Howard Elson, Ph.D., Radiation Safety Officer) for additional information.

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We will continue to review the university's NRC-licensed program during future inspections.

Sincerely,

D. J.) Sreniawski, Chief

Nuclear Materials Safety Section 1

cc: Howard Elson, Ph.D. University of Circinnati

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