

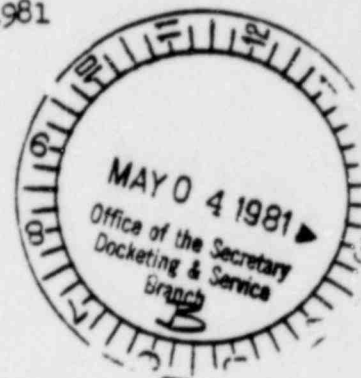
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Dear Ms Dennis:

Mr. Joseph Ward, Chief of this Section, has asked me to express our comments to you regarding the proposal to develop a program for accrediting processors of personnel dosimeters under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program.

We wholeheartedly support such a proposal. We believe that accurate personnel monitoring is an important facet of radiation protection, that it is difficult to achieve, and that inaccurate personnel monitoring has little value.

Our past experience has led us to believe that many companies providing personnel monitoring services are not able, or do not choose, to provide adequate services.

We believe that dosimeter processors should be evaluated and monitored by an impartial agency, and that ongoing, unannounced tests should be established to ensure that each accredited processor is providing accurate results to its clients.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinions.

Sincerely,

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