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Gentlemen:

This letter is written to inform you of a change in policy concerning the tamper-safing of low-enriched uranium (less than 6% enriched only).

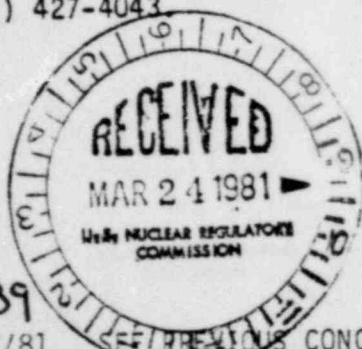
As you know, previous guidance regarding tamper-safing has contained no differentiation in the requirements for tamper-safing containers of LEU and SSNM. Basically, our policy has been to require two individuals to witness the measurement, sampling, and seal application procedures performed in connection with tamper-safing without regard for the inherent differences between these materials. We have reevaluated this policy and have determined that tamper-safing of LEU by a single individual does not significantly reduce the effectiveness of the current safeguards program for LEU. Therefore, this policy is hereby being revised to allow single individuals to perform the witnessing and certification of the tamper-safing program for uranium enriched to less than 6.0%.

At this time, we wish to stress that this policy revision is not intended to allow a decrease in the quality of tamper-safing done at your facility. The same care and attention to detail should continue to be exercised for tamper-safing. In addition, we believe that special emphasis should be placed on developing procedures for implementing this policy which will clearly define the responsibilities of the individuals involved in the certification of tamper-safing.

In order to incorporate this revised policy into the tamper-safing program at your facility, you will need to submit changes to your Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan. For your information, changes made in response to this letter shall be treated as changes made pursuant to 10 CFR 70.32(c) which do not decrease the effectiveness of your material control and accounting program and shall therefore require no fee. After reading this letter, should you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Darrell A. Huff of my staff at (301) 427-4043.

Sincerely,

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