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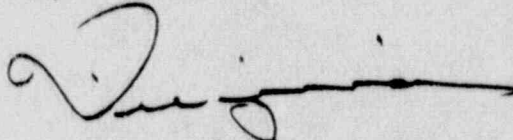
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20555

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Your expeditious attention to Mr. Turner's concerns would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Very Truly yours,



Virginia Smith

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ATTN: Lanny Thanks!

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RE: R.K. Turner letter **Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

CONGRESSWOMAN VIRGINIA SMITH  
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PHONE # 308-995-6123  
SOC. SEC. # 507-34-3372  
VA CLAIM # \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER Benton Dickinson  
Holdrege, NEB

REGARDING: (1) Cobalt 60 being used as  
irradiation (2) The need for a up front  
detailed emergency response plan submitted  
by B.D. before a license to be issued.  
(3) Financial assurance that any clean-up  
will not be a general public expense. (4)  
Because of complexity of commercial irradiat.  
the qualifications of those inspecting  
should be reviewed for competence.

Due to the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579), Federal government agencies are prohibited from releasing any information or discussing anything regarding another individual without that individual's writt permission. Your signature on this page authorizes me, as your Congresswoman, to contact the proper officials in your behalf, discuss the matter and receive any pertinent information

DATE 11/29/89

SIGNATURE Richard K Turner

Please return to: Congresswoman Virginia Smith  
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Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the Becton Dickinson plant in Holdrege is presently constructing a facility in which they are planning to use Cobalt 60 as a means of irradiation to purify their final production.

Would you inform me as to what procedure Becton Dickinson is using to get a clearance for construction. It is my understanding that any nuclear plant which handles radiation in excess of 1000 curies of radioactivity is mandated to hold a public hearing. Was that hearing held in the case of Becton Dickinson, and if so, when?

What guidelines have been established to handle a catastrophe, should one occur, and at whose expense?

As a resident of the city of Holdrege, I am very much concerned about this situation, and any information you can give me would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Cordially,

RKT/fl

R. K. Turner

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