

June 10, 1988

Note to: Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., NMSS

LEAKING WESF CESIUM-137 SOURCE

With regard to our briefing with Victor Stello, EDO this morning, June 10, 1988 he asked for information on the following:

- Q. Are there any problems similar to the Decatur irradiator facility being experienced by NRC's two licensed WESF capsule facilities?
- A: RII is in constant contact with its licensee, Applied Radiant Energy Corp., Lynchburg, VA. The licensee is not experiencing any problems. RII inspected the facility February 1988, and is planning another special inspection within in the next 10 days.

RII is also getting a CAL out to the licensee today 6/10/88. The CAL will confirm the licensee's commitment to increase monitoring and to follow specified procedures if elevated Cesium-137 levels are observed.

Region III is also in contact with its licensee, Radiation Sterilizer, Inc. Westerville, Ohio. The facility has not experienced any similar problems.

Region III inspected the facility January 1987, and proposed a \$10,000 civil penalty which has not yet been imposed. As a result of the Decatur, Georgia incident, RIII is planning an inspection for the week of June 13, 1988. A CAL is being prepared today to send to the licensee.

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