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Department of Health and Human Services
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Food and Drug Administration
National Center for Toxicological Research
Jefferson, Arkansas 72079

Gentlemen:

This refers to my telephone conversation with Troy Cole on April 4, 1990. As discussed during that conversation, your NRC license currently authorizes you to possess licensed materials in excess of the thresholds listed in 10 CFR 30.35, "Financial Assurance and Recordkeeping for Decommissioning." Therefore, by July 27, 1990, you must either amend your license limiting possession authorizations below the referenced thresholds or submit the appropriate financial assurance mechanism required by that regulation.

In conversations with several licensees, we realized that they did not fully appreciate the fact that the rule does not include radionuclides with half-lives less than 120 days. You should consider this fact as you evaluate whether to submit financial assurance or to limit possession authorizations.

Enclosed is a copy of Information Notice 90-16 that was recently mailed to all licensees regarding this issue. The purpose of this letter is to emphasize the upcoming July 27, 1990, deadline.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (817) 860-8121.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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Enclosure: As stated

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