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Department of the Air Force  
ATTN: COL David G. Wood  
USAF Radioisotope Committee  
HQ AFOMS/SGPR  
Brooks AFB, Texas 78235-5000

Dear COL Wood:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF ACTION LETTER

This letter is in reference to the October 3, 1990, telephone conversation between Mr. Jack E. Whitten of this office and COL David G. Wood. The conversation concerned the handling and disposal of promethium-147 activated luminous sights for the M72A2 Light Anti-Tank Weapon (LAW). With regard to the items discussed on October 3, 1990, it is our understanding that you will:

1. Immediately notify all AFB radiation safety officers (RSOs) of the existing potential for contamination involving the LAW. Instruct all AFB RSOs to initiate an investigation into the disposal practices of the LAW to assure that licensed radioactive material has been properly removed from the units and disposed of in accordance with NRC requirements prior to demilitarization of the expended LAW. Should you identify other sites where licensed radioactive material was disposed in an unauthorized manner, notify NRC Region IV within 30 days.
2. Concurrent with the notification of the AFB RSOs notify all Security Police Operations at each AFB of the potential for contamination involving the LAW. Notification to Security Police at each AFB should instruct all Security Police Units to initiate an investigation into the disposal practices of the LAW and report their findings back to the Radioisotope Committee within 30 days.
3. Within 15 days, conduct appropriate assessment of Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Little Rock AFB, Little Rock, Arkansas, to determine whether promethium-147 activated luminous sights for LAWs may have been buried at these bases. Should potentially contaminated sites be identified at Nellis AFB or Little Rock AFB, determine the nature and extent of the problem and outline corrective measures.

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4. Within 45 days, provide NRC Region IV with a written report summarizing disposal practices used by the Air Force in disposing of LAW's.

Issuance of this confirmation of action letter does not preclude the issuance of an order formalizing the above commitments or requiring other actions on the part of the Department of the Air Force. Nor does it preclude NRC from taking enforcement action for violations of NRC requirements that may have prompted the issuance of this letter.

Thank you for you cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact members of my staff, Mr. William L. Fisher at (817) 860-8215 or Mr. Jack E. Whitten at (817) 860-8197.

Sincerely,  
**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**  
**ROBERT D. MARTIN**

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