U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA Procurement Operations Division ATTN: LT Sarath Seneviratne OA3X1, SSMC2 NOAA/DOC 1325 East-West Highway Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

Dear LT Seneviratne:

SUBJECT: Disposal of Promethium-147 and Tritium Sources Exempt from Licensing

This refers to your letter dated November 17, 1993 received by facsimile and your telephone conversations with Betsy Ullrich of this office. The VDC-1050 electron tubes containing 25 microcuries of promethium-147 and the VDS-1011 electron tubes containing 130 millicuries of tritium were purchased and received by you from a manufacturer who is authorized by a specific license from the NRC to distribute these items to persons who are exempt from the regulations in 10 CFR Parts 20, 30 through 35, and 39. This is specified in 10 CFR 30.15 and in the manufacturer's license (Varian/Crossed Field and Receiver Protector Products, License No. 20-02237-03E). A copy of 10 CFR Part 30 is enclosed for your information. Because these items are exempt from the stated regulations in accordance with 10 CFR 30.19, therefore, the disposal requirements in 10 CFR 20, Subpart K are not applicable to these items.

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please contact me. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: Mohamed M. Shanbaky

Mohamed M. Shanbaky, Chief Research and Development Section Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

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