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Dear Ms. Aldrich:

I am responding to your letter to Commissioner de Planque of January 25, 1994.

We agree that there is a need for improved communication on the standards to be applied for sealed source and device evaluations and that additional training on the performance of such evaluations would be helpful. Based on your comments, we will determine whether there are any Agreement States that do not have a copy of the "quality assurance" guideline and inspection checklist for sealed source/device manufacturers and distributors. The guideline and checklist will be provided to all Agreement States that do not have a copy. We have assured that all Agreement State programs are on routine distribution for the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards' (NMSS) sealed source and device newsletter. Our previous understanding was that at least one copy of the guideline with checklist and the newsletter had been, and were being, distributed to each Agreement State program office.

As indicated in Richard Bangart's February 11, 1994, letter, we will consider conducting an all Agreement State training session in a future fiscal year. This future planning is based on several factors. First, the Commission has requested the staff to evaluate the present practice of placing Agreement State approved sources or devices on the NRC registration list so they can be used nationwide; this review is currently underway. Second, any such training will be more effective if it is conducted after the NRC completes the documenting of sealed source and device standard review procedures. Third, in an effort to communicate earlier and more effectively with Agreement States, we have already planned a large number of general meetings, workshops on special topics, and training courses for this fiscal year. There is little time left this fiscal year to schedule a major training session.

We concur with your assessment that there are near term training needs of Agreement States conducting sealed source and device reviews. We believe there are two options to satisfy this need. First, we strongly encourage, enlisting the assistance of an Agreement State with an adequate program of sealed source and device reviews, to volunteer to conduct on-the-job training for other Agreement States in need of such training. Perhaps the Organization of Agreement States could facilitate such training among Agreement States. Another option is, that upon request, NRC will provide on-the-job training for a single member from any Agreement State program that is in need of sealed

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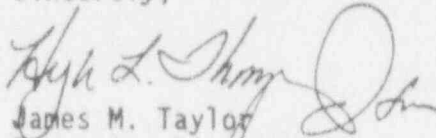
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We appreciate your recommendations. Please contact Lloyd Bolling at (301) 504-2327 or Steve Baggett at (301) 504-2542 if you have any comments or questions.

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**Original signed by**  
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have concurred

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Commissioner de Planque requested to see the attached response before it was dispatched. Therefore, we are circulating this for any comments or for your concurrence.

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