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Mr. Bruce S. Mallett, Ph.D., Chief Nuclear Materials Safety Branch U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region III 799 Roosevelt Road Gler Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Reference: License No. SUB-971

Docket No. 040-07982

Dear Mr. Mallet:

As requested in your letter of 1 August 1990, this letter is intended to address discrepancies and questions identified during the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. J.L. Lynch of your office on 19 June 1990.

The following is in response to the stated Notice of Violation:

(1) Corrective steps and results achieved:

Technical support personnel from the facility Chemistry and Metallurgy Lab have been retrained on the requirement to maintain a weekly schedule for contamination monitoring in the restricted manufacturing area and a monthly schedule for contamination monitoring in the adjacent unrestricted areas. Specific monitoring locations have been identified so as to be more representative of contamination being transferred to aisles and areas adjacent to areas of known contamination. Maintenance personnel have been re-instructed as to the continued need to clean areas identified with contamination above action levels.

As a result of these actions, weekly and monthly schedules for monitoring are being maintained for restricted and unrestricted areas respectively. To date, no above action limit monitoring results have occurred necessitating follow-up cleaning.

(2) Corrective steps to avoid further violations:

Same as above.

(3) Date when rull compliance will be achieved:

Full compliance as specified in (1) above was achieved as of 13 July 1990.

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to your question of Honeywell's intentions to response decontaminate the DU manufacturing area, Honeywell has actively pursued this issue with the U.S. Army AMCCOM by requesting direction on layaway of the GAU-8/A depleted uranium penetrator manufacturing capability. The Government (AMCCOM) has not yet responded to Moneywell's letter of request which was submitted on 16 May 1990. Since the contaminated facility and equipment are government owned, any action to complete a cleanup will require the concurrence of AMCCOM. The request for layaway for the GAU-8/A The request for layaway for the GAU-8/A manufacturing capability is expected to be resubmitted by the end August 1990. of Upon receiving government disposition instructions, Honeywell will respond to develop clean up/disposal methods, cost estimates, and an estimated date of completion.

Please contact Jim Fitzsimmons at (612)638-5205 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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