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In Reply Refer To:
License: 42-00090-03
Docket: 030-06388

Energy Technology Corporation
Energy Limited
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Houston, Texas 77001

Gentlemen:

This refers to the conversations between Mr. Rick Wertz and Mr. Selvan Rajendran of my staff on November 14 and 16, 1990, regarding the issue of abandonment of an americium source in the LWD tool. As of November 16, 1990, your procedure for abandonment only required a telephone notification, details of the abandonment, and final letter notification of the abandonment. This procedure did not include mechanical stop, cement plug, or plaque as required by 10 CFR 39.77. This was further documented by your interoffice correspondence, dated March 5, 1990, which was faxed to NRC on November 14, 1990. The abandonment procedure that you described in that memo would require a license amendment since it is a deviation from the abandonment procedure described in 10 CFR 39.77. Therefore, until you obtain a license amendment to follow the abandonment procedure that you proposed, you must follow the normal abandonment procedure as stated in 10 CFR 39.77.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (817) 860-8100.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

A. B. BEACH

A. Bill Beach, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
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cc:
Texas Radiation Control Program Director

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WLFisher
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