Process Technology North Jersey Subsidiary of RTI Inc. 108 LAKE DENMARK ROAD, ROCKAWAY, NJ 0\*866 (201) 625-8400 • FAX: (201) 625-7820 December 13, 1989 Mr. John Miller Nuclear Materials Safety Branch U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, PA 19406 RE: License No. 29-13613-02 Dear Mr. Miller: Pursuant to your telephone conversation with Mr. Paul Shapiro on December 12, 1989 I am supplying the following information: It is the opinion of both RTI, inc. and Chem Nuclear Systems, Inc. that the procedure for cutting open the source holding tubes is sufficient to ensure that no sealed source is breached. During cutting equipment will be periodically checked for contamination due to leakage. In the event that a sealed source is breached, it will be packaged in the disposal liner along with the source being shipped to Barnwell, S.C.. This liner will be devatered and sealed. In the event that pool water or tools become contaminated, normal decontamination procedures will be adhered to. It is our understanding that if we do not receive any objection from your office, that we have received NRC approval and may proceed with this procedure beginning on December 18, 1989. If you have any further concerns or comments please contact either myself or Mr. Shapiro. Additionally, North Jersey Process Technology intends to maintain possession of any sealed sources in the "R&D" pool which can be loaded into the main source rack. The number of sources will not exceed 6 nor exceed 10,000 curies. We intend to keep any salvaged sources in the R & D pool until the next source loading. there is any objection to this please contact either myself or Mr. Paul Shapiro. Thank you. Sincerely, 9101220412 900913 PDR FOIA JONES90-334 PDI John D. Schlecht RSO JDS:ak co: P. Shapiro J. Nienstadt J. Scandalios