

WALTHAM COMPASS CORPORATION

Manufacturer of Precision Instruments

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✓ Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed in duplicate original is application for reinstatement and renewal of Byproduct Material License (Industrial) No. 20-12943-01, together with our check in the sum of \$460.00, payable to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to cover the cost of filing and processing said application.

We permitted our previous license to expire for the reason that Military Specification MIL-C-6235D dated 18 June 1970 and Amendment 1 thereto dated 17 November 1970 were canceled without notice to our firm or Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Personnel Support Center of Philadelphia, PA, sole purchaser for the Department of Defense of the compass, magnetic, unmounted, pocket, survival treated with the isotope Promethium-147. When we learned of such cancellation we assumed that there would be no further procurements of the compass of our manufacture treated with Promethium-147 and that there was no point in seeking to renew our license.

You will observe from Military Specification MIL-C-6235D that such military specification was reinstated for procurement by Defense Personnel Support Center of compasses treated with Promethium-147. Subsequent thereto we were awarded a contract by Defense Personnel Support Center to manufacture and deliver a substantial quantity of the compass, magnetic, unmounted, pocket, survival conforming to the stated military specification treated with a luminous paint containing the isotope Promethium-147.

In the light of prevailing conditions, the subject compass, which is a mandatory component of numerous DOD survival kits, is urgently needed. Anything that can be done by your agency to expedite the renewal of the license previously issued to us will, in turn, expedite delivery of the compasses ordered.

We take this opportunity to thank you for any courtesy and cooperation you may see fit to extend in the circumstances.

Respectfully yours,

WALTHAM COMPASS CORPORATION

Benjamin D. Pollack
Corporate Clerk (Secretary)

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