

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE MEDICAL OPERATIONS AGENCY BROOKS AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM FOR USNRC, Region IV Attention: Ms Linda McLean FROM: HO AFMOA/SGPR

8901 18th St Brooks AFB TX 78235-5217

23 May 94 Dht: 030-2864 Lie: 42-23539-01AF CAL: 4-94-25

1910-1991 NIN 61991

SUBJECT: Recovery of Californium-252 Radiography Sources, McClellan AFB CA

References: (a) Confirmatory Action Letter, CAL 4-94-05, Docket 030-28641, License 42-23539-01AF, 5 May 1994

> (b) SM-ALC/TI-1 Memo, Amendment to USAF Radioactive Material Permit No. 04-10117-2AFP, Docket No. 030-22419, 19 April 1994

(c) HQ AFMOA/SGPR Memo, Recovery Plan for Californium-252 Radiography Sources from the Maneuverable Neutron Radiography System, 28 April 1994

(d) SM-ALC/TI-1 Memo, Recovery Plan for Maneuverable Neutron Radiography System Californium-252 Sources, 5 May 94

(e) HQ AFMOA/SGPR Memo, Recovery Plan for Maneuverable Neutron Radiography System Californium Sources, 6 May 1994

(f) SM-ALC/TI-1 Memo, Recovery Plan for Maneuverable Neutron Radiography System Californium-252 Sources, 16 May 1994

(g) SM-ALC/TI-1 Memo, Recovery Plan for Maneuverable Neutron Radiography System Californium-252 Sources, 17 May 1994

Pursuant to the requirements of CAL 4-94-05, references (b) through (g) (attachments 1 through 6) constitutes the recovery plan for the californium-252 sources in the Maneuverable Neutron Radiography System (MNRS) at McClellan AFB CA. Reference (b) is SM-ALC/TI-1's initial procedure, and the remainder of the documents are our questions and their answers to our questions.

We have reviewed these documents and have found them to answer all of our questions concerning the proposed recovery operations. The recovery is planned for 1 June 1994.

If you have any questions, please contact Capt Montgomery at (210)536-3331, Teiefax: (210)536-4382, or E-mail: montgome@afoms.brooks.af.mil.

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Attachments (see Next Page)

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Attachments

1. SM-ALC/TI-1 Memo, 19 Apr 94

2. HQ AFMOA/SGPR Memo, 28 Apr 94

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18 Apr 94

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AFMOA/SGPR ATTENTION: CAPT MONTGOMERY

FROM: SM-ALC/TI-1 5335 Price Ave McClellan AFB CA 85652-2504

SUBJ: Amandment to USAF Radioactive Material Permit No. 04-10117-2AFP, Docket No. 030-22419 - ACTION MEMORANDUM

REF: (a) Amended USAF Radioactive Material No. 04-10117-2AFP, Docket No. 030-22419 (Your Ltr, 1 Apr 94)

(b) Radiographic Equipment Failure (Our Ltr, 24 Mar 94)

1. Reference (a) amended USAF Radioactive Material No. 04-10117-2AFP, Docket No. 030-22419 to allow only storage of the Maneuverable Neutron Radiography System (MNRS) Californium-252 sources. This was in response to an incident reported in reference (b).

2. Attachment 1 is the proposed source recovery procedure. The recovery procedure will be mockup trained prior to the actual retrieval with personnel safety and ALARA considerations the prime objectives.

3. Once the sources are placed into storage, an investigation will be conducted to determine the cause of the equipment failure. A final incident report will then be issued addressing the root cause and permanent corrective actions. A new permit application will be submitted in accordance with reference (a).

4. Request approval of Attachment 1 and an amendment to USAF Radioactive Material No. 04-10117-2AFP, Docket No. 030-22419 to allow retrieval of the Cf-252 sources. For further information contact Jeff Ching, TIRH, at DSN 833-1023

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Attachment: 1. SOP 94-04 Retrieval of Cf Neutron Sources

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