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Terminated License Nos: 19-01398-20
19-01398-32
SNM-00011
SNM-00053
SNM-00849
SNM-01192
STB-00187

Docket Nos: 070-00014
070-00058
070-00908

Martin-Marietta Corporation
Attn: Mr. M. J. Rupp
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Dear Mr. Rupp:

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We would appreciate your assistance in closing our review of these licenses.

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Since we are interested in completing action on the licenses and sites determining their status as promptly as possible, information concerning the current state of the facilities in question prior to September 1994 would be appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation in the closing of these old matters.

Sincerely,

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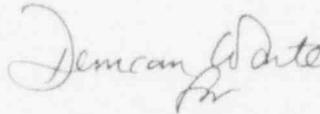
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License No. 19-01398-20

Background

This license was initially issued to The Martin Company in 1960 for the processing of Am-241 and Cm-242. The license was subsequently transferred to Martin-Marietta and later, to Isotopes, Inc. The license was terminated by the AEC by letter to Isotopes, Inc., dated 9/2/69 in response to an Isotopes, Inc., letter of 8/15/69 which stated simply that all radioactive material possessed under the license had been disposed of in accordance with 10CFR20 by transfer to a company authorized to receive them.

Correspondence in the docket file reports, among other things, that operations were conducted in dryboxes with filtered ventilation in a Building KJ Radioisotope Laboratory; however, there is no record of a final survey of that facility.

Information required

1. What is the status of licensed activities in Building KJ Radioisotope Laboratory, if any?
2. If the Building KJ Radioisotope Laboratory is no longer being utilized for licensed operations, is there a record of a termination survey? If so, please provide a copy of that survey.
3. If the Building KJ Radioisotope Laboratory has been demolished, what was the disposition of the rubble, i.e., was it buried or removed? What is the current use of the site or building?

License No. SNM-00849

Background

This license, issued in January 1965, authorized operations at the Middle River facility of Martin Marietta involving encapsulated Pu238 in conjunction with SNAP reactors and the testing of fuel capsules and radioisotope generators containing Pu238. Operations reportedly occurred in Building C Environmental Test Laboratory and Large Vacuum Chamber Laboratory.

The license also authorized operations at the Johns Hopkins University/Applied Physics Laboratory (exact location not specified) and was later amended to authorize operations with plutonium in triply-sealed capsules at the following locations:

Teledyne Isotopes
110 West Timonium Road, Timonium Maryland, and

Fairchild Hiller Space and Electronics System Division
Sherman-Fairchild Technology Center
Fairchild Drive, Germantown, Maryland

Information required

1. What is the status of licensed activities in Building C, if any?
2. If Building C is no longer being utilized for license operations, is there a record of a termination survey? If so, please provide a copy of that survey.
3. If Building C has been demolished, what was the disposition of the rubble; i. e., was it buried or removed?
4. Please provide any information available regarding transfers of licensed material to JHU/APL, Teledyne Isotopes and/or Fairchild Hiller Space and Electronics System Division in order that the contamination potential of such material transfers might be assessed.

License No. SNM-01192

Background

This license was issued to Martin Marietta for the decontamination of Building D at the Middle River facility. Operations in Building D had included activities authorized by the following licenses:

19-01398-32
SNM-00011
SNM-00053
STB-00187 (superseded C-42830)

The closeout survey of the facility indicates that some contamination, 29 microcuries of U235, remained in 5 drains. The licensee had proposed to seal these drains with cement following inspection and approval from the Atomic Energy Commission. There is no further documentation in available files regarding this contamination or its disposition.

An NRC inquiry conducted by Region I personnel during the period March 5 through June 15, 1982, determined that Building D had been demolished and concluded that the site met then current NRC criteria for release for unrestricted use and that no site survey was necessary. However, the inquiry stated that no determination could be made if the drains containing the residual U235 activity had been sealed. The ultimate disposition of the contaminated drains was not addressed.

Information required

1. Was the rubble from the demolition of Building D removed or simply buried?
2. If the building rubble was removed, were the contaminated drains also removed and properly disposed?

License No. SNM-00907

Background

This license, issued to EBASCO on July 13, 1965, authorized the dismantling and removal of the Martin Marietta Liquid Fluidized Bed Reactor (LFBR) which had been licensed under CX-18. Available records do not provide details regarding the location of the reactor. This reactor, while never critical, had reportedly been operated and available records indicate an inventory of approximately 75 kg of uranium containing approximately 1188 gm U235 distributed as scale and sludge. Contaminated material was reportedly disposed of through burial at an authorized site or storage. EBASCO's license application stated that a post removal survey would be conducted with results furnished to the AEC's New York Operations Office and to Martin Marietta; however, the docket file contains no such record.

Information required

1. Details regarding the location of the LFBR.
2. A copy of the post removal contamination survey or any other radiological survey of that location.