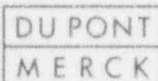


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June 15, 1994

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn.: Robert L. Baer, Chief
Source Containment and Devices Branch
Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS
Washington, D.C. 20555



Reference: Quality Assurance Program Approval #0384

Dear Mr. Baer:

This is written to request that the above-referenced QA Program Approval be terminated.

It became evident to us during the inspection by Messrs. Thomas Matula and Stephen O'Connor of your organization that the DuPont Merck Billerica site operation has a very limited need for a QA Program pursuant to the requirements of Title 10 CFR Part 71. As of the date of this communication we have eliminated any potential future need for a QA Program for Type B shipments of radioactive material. The only shipments of Type B quantities of byproduct material we have made in the past involves the infrequent transfer of byproduct material to an approved radioactive waste repository. The radioactive waste disposal crisis has sharply curtailed any need for us to make future shipments of Type B quantities of radioactive material as waste. Even if a shipment could be made the operation would be conducted under the authority of the NRC QA Program approved for the owner or user, other than DuPont Merck, of the Type B container, for example Chem-Nuclear.

Please terminate our QA Program Approval as soon as possible before the end of the NRC's fiscal year 1994. The response to the results of your office's inspection of our program is forthcoming under separate cover. Contact myself or Dennis Dumas at 508-671-8669 if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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