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Docket No. 030-20024

License No. 37-20643-01

American Standards Biosciences Corporation c/o American Standards Testing Bureau, Inc. ATTN: Michael McGehee General Counsel 40 Water Street New York, New York 10004

Gentlemen:

Subject: INQUIRY NO. 90-001

This refers to a telephone inquiry between Mr. Joseph Frank of your staff and Mr. Steven Courtemanche of this office on December 12, 1990. The subject of the inquiry was the lack of a response to a request for more information in relation to the renewal of the above referenced license.

From this discussion, we learned that the company is reorganizing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and that no licensed material has been in the possession of the licensee since the previous inquiry made on November 30, 1989. It is our understanding that you will submit a request to abandon the renewal application and request termination of the license using the enclosed Certificate of Disposition of Materials. If you decide to reapply for a license after the reorganization, the application will be reviewed without prejudice. The request to abandon the application must be sent to the Region I Office at 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406. If our understanding is incorrect, please inform us in writing.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Tit'e 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room. Should you have any questions concerning this inquiry, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: Francis M. Costello

John D. Kinneman, Chief Nuclear Materials Safety Section B Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

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Enclosure: Certificate of Disposition of Materials (NRC Form-314)

cc: Public Document Room (PDR) Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC) Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

bcc: Region I Docket Room (w/concurrences)

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