



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable J. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-1802

Dear Senator Johnston:

I am responding to your letter of April 10, 1991, and its enclosures, in which your constituent, Mr. Villarrubia, requested information regarding Federally approved drug testing laboratories.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is responsible for certifying drug testing laboratories which meet DHHS standards found in the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Testing Programs. As of April 3, 1991, DHHS has certified 73 laboratories. I have enclosed the latest Federal Register listing of certified laboratories, some of which are located in the southeastern part of the United States.

While NRC does not approve or certify drug testing laboratories, we currently have contracts with Med-Chek Laboratories, Inc. and PharmChem Laboratories, Inc. to support NRC's drug testing program.

I trust this reply responds to your request.

Sincerely,

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for Operations

Enclosure:  
As stated