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Radiation Protection Division (ES-R)

MEMORANDUM THRU Commander, U.S. Army Jest and Evaluation Command, ATTN: AMSTE-SI (Oxenberg), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5055

FOR U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Regulatory Commission, Region IV.
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000, ATTN: Director.
Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, Arlington, TX 76011

SUBJECT: Reloading Survey of Irradiator, White Sands Missile Range, USNRC License No. 30-02405-11

- 1. In accordance with condition 15, USNRC License No. 30-02405-11 issued to White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), NM, a preoperational survey was conducted of the AECL Eldorado-78 irradiator after the irradiator was reloaded with a new source. Results of the survey are at enclosure.
- 2. Questions or comments may be directed to the undersigned at DSN 258-1019 or commercial telephone (505) 678-1019.

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For AMXTM-CW-WS-P, ATTN: Mr. Sleever

SUBJECT: Semiannual Radiation Protection Survey - AECL Gamma Irradiator, Bldg 23108, Nucleonics Calibration Facility, WSMR

1. GENERAL. On 3 Feb 92, George Wenz, WSMR Radiation Protection Officer, and Robert Huffmyer conducted the semiannual radiation protection survey of the AECL Eldorado-78 gamma irradiator located at the Nucleonics Calibration facility, Bldg 23108, WSMR. This survey also serves as the initial resourcing survey. The resourcing operation was completed on 3 Dec 91. Applicable regulations are AR 40-5, 15 Oct 90 (Preventive Medicine), AMCR 385-25, 12 Aug 68 with change 1(Radiation Protection), USNRC License No. 30-02405-11, WSMRR 40-8, 10 Aug 84 (Control of Potential Hazards to Health from Ionizing Radiation), and AR 385-11, 1 May 80 (Ionizing Radiation Protection).

2. PURPOSE.

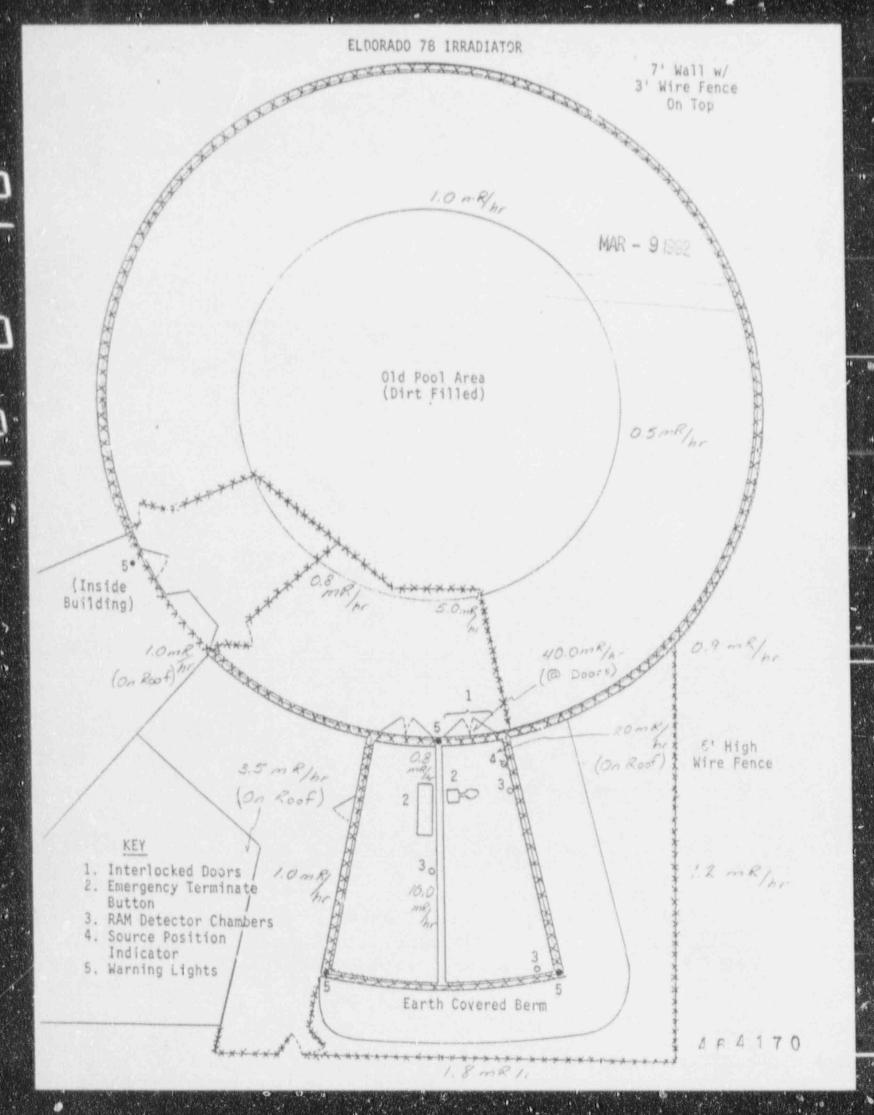
- a. To evaluate the radiation exposure to personnel operating and to those remaining in the vicinity of the gamma irradiator.
- b. To make such recommendations as are necessary to protect personnel from unwarranted radiation exposure.
- c. To evaluate the other features of the radiation protection program in effect at the time of the survey.
- 3. Instruments used were an Eberline 2IC-6A, serial number 1817, calibrated on 25 Nov 91 and a Eberline E520, serial number 2022, calibrated on 18 Nov 91.

FINDINGS.

- a. Radiation measurements were taken with the source aperture set to give a 10' X 10' exposure size (without a phantom) on the irradiator cell south wall. Measured exposure levels are recorded on enclosure 1.
- b. Radiation measurements at the source head with the source retracted indicated a general level of 20 mR/Hr at contact with the head. One very small area near the mechanical beam condition indicator, indicated a reading of 40 mR/Hr.
- c. Army beta-gamma TLD badges were used by occupationally exposed personnel, as well as 0-200 mR and 0-50 R dosimeters and audible radiation indicators.

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- d. The following items were checked and found to be satisfactory:
 - (1) Interlocks, mergency switch, warning lights.
 - (2) RAMS and source position indicator.
 - (3) Key set maintained satisfactorily.
 - (4) Condition of berms, fences, and signs.
 - (5) Unnecessary flammable materials not stored in facility.
 - (6) Irradiator cell floor smears taken during month.
 - (7) Radiation Work Permit
- e. The AECL gamma range operates under approved SSOP No. AMXTM-CW-WS-P-30-84, 14 Dec 88.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. That no personnel have access to the area within the exposure cell nor may any person remain in the exposure cell or the fenced roof/pool area while the source is exposed, as per SSOP No.
- b. That personnel operating the gamma range continue to war the prescribed dosimetry, and operate the irradiator in compliance with SSCP No. AMXTM-CW-WS-P-30-84.
- WSMR Radiation Protection Officer, 678-1019/5609.

Encl

SEORGE R. WENZ

WSMR Radiation Protection Officer