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December 17, 1984

CERTIFIED MAIL; RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Bruce Mallett Nuclear Regulatory Commission 799 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

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Re: Transfer of Nuclear Regulatory Commission Source Permit No. 24-20011-02 from Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation to National Refractories & Minerals Corporation

Dear Mr. Mallett:

Kaiser Refractories, a division of Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation ("Kaiser"), is the owner and operator of a refractories plant located in Mexico, Missouri (referred to herein as the "Mexico plant"). Kaiser is planning to sell its division, including the Mexico plant, to National Refractories & Minerals Corporation ("National Refractories"), a California corporation with its principal place of business in Oakland, California. The parties currently contemplate that the closing of this transaction will take place on or about December 31, 1984. National Refractories plans no immediate changes in operations at the Mexico plant and anticipates that most, if not all, of the personnel at the Mexico plant will become National Refractories employees.

In connection with its operation of the Mexico plant, Kaiser currently holds Source Permit No. 24-20011-02 for the use of Cesium-137 in a Texas Nuclear Model 5036, which is part of a belt weight scale.

Under 10 C.F.R. § 30.34(b), permits such as this are transferable unless the Commission finds that the transfer is not in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. We understand that one of the factors the Commission considers most important in approving a transfer is whether the individuals responsible for managing the nuclear program at a plant will be the same after the transfer of ownership. In this case we can assure you that Lawrence Talley, plant foreman and the person currently listed as the user of the equipment governed by the current permit, as well as Alvin H. Goelzenleuchter, the current Radiation Safety Officer, will retain their positions after the transfer of ownership from Kaiser to National Refractories. DEC 21 1984

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The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the contemplated transfer of ownership, and to request an amendment to Source Permit No. 24-20011-02 to reflect the transfer of ownership of the Mexico plant to National Refractories. Anything you can do to expedite the process will be much appreciated. National Refractories will notify you as soon as the closing takes place so that your records will accurately reflect the date of transfer of ownership of the plant.

We understand that although the amended permit reflecting the transfer of ownership may not be issued until a few months after the closing of the transaction, National Refractories will be allowed to operate the source governed by the permit under the terms and conditions of the existing permit. We also understand that if the closing is postponed or cancelled this request for an amendment to Source Permit No. 24-20011-02 may be withdrawn and will not affect in any way the status of Kaiser's current permit.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions about the information in this letter, or if you need any additional information, please feel free to call or write to me.

Very truly yours,

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