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Mr. John W. N. Hickey Mail Control 07221 Material Licensing Branch U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Ref: Material License No. 37-00611-09 My letters of March 19, 1981, April 3, 1981, August 21, 1981 Your telecon of November 13, 1981

Dear Mr. Hickey:

In belated response to your request of November 13 for additional information relative to our request for material license amendment, I offer the following:

 A resume of Ed Shaffer's education and work experience is attached. Despite a limited formal technical education, I continue to be impressed with Ed's ability to assimilate and put into practice technical information. He is quite conversant now with Title 10, Part 20, and Title 49 of the CFR, including pertinent sections of the Regulatory Guide, and has recommended several improvements to our practices based on this.

In view of Ed's progress with us in the past year and Mr. Boyko's probable retirement at the end of 1982, I would like to request that the amendment to our license include Ed Shaffer as a USER of licensed material.

2. We see the on-going consulting role of Radiation Management Corp. as assisting in monitoring our radiation safety program through quarterly 1-2 day audits of records, procedures, and personnel with a written summary of findings/recommendations, and assisting us in reviewing and revising our written standard and emergency procedures. The formal procedures are now nearly ten years old and need revision, especially in view of the numerous improvements in methodology made this past year. I expect two side benefits from the RMC involvement: suggestions for further improvements based on their observations while present at the facility, and an increase in Ed Shaffer's knowledge of radiation physics and safety. A copy of the purchase order for 1982 RMC services is attached and indicates the scope of desired service.

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3. I most certainly intend to suspend operations at the Phoenixville N.E.F. in the event of a perceived radiological hazard, and have given Ed Shaffer the authority, as on-site R.S.O., to suspend operations and take preventive measures in the event of an immediate hazard. Since assuming the additional R.S.O. duties in August, Mr. Shaffer has made several recommendations related to reduction of occupational dose. Each of these either has been or is currently being implemented.

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I hope this provides the additional information requested 13 November. As I understand the amendment that you intend to make to our license now, it will include the original March 19 request, with the changes to delete Mr. Mayes as R.S.O. and add myself as R.S.O., Mr. Shaffer as on-site R.S.O.; and Mr. Shaffer as a USER of licensed material; and approval to test the Semi-Automatic Mechanism (SAM) for source decontamination using the Preliminary Procedures furnished earlier. Is it also possible to have the amendment incorporate ultimate use of the SAM subject to successful testing and NRC approval of Final Procedures?

Should you have further questions, please call me at (203) 796-5028 (directin-dial line).

Sincerely,

Parker E. Moréland, Jr., Ph.D. Operations Manager - Phoenixville N.E.F.

PEM/pls

cc: J. Cleary (Corp. legal) S. Boyko E. Shaffer

Attachments: Resume Purchase Order

RESUME OF EDWARD O. SHAFFER

EDUCATION:

- B.S. degree in Bible, Valley Forge Christian College, 1980 G.P.A. = 3.6 Course work included management training. Elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.
- High School diploma, Plymouth-Whitemarsh H.S., 1976 Advanced placement courses in calculus, chemistry, physics, nuclear physics, and astronomy. Semester of independent study on elementary interactions and unified field theory.

EXPERIENCE:

- 9/81 to present Assigned additional duties of on-site R.S.O. representative. Supervise radiation monitoring program, interpret relevant portions of Titles 10 and 49, CFR, on day-to-day basis, do limited health physics work.
- 11/80 to present Radiation Technician/Management Trainee Duties include decontamination, loading and disposal of sealed Ir¹⁹² and Co^O radioactive sources, rad-waste handling, shipping and receiving of radioactive materials. Training in facility operation and control.
- 8/78 to 7/80 Maintenance Electrician Electrical work on commercial and residential wiring, including 220/440 volt systems up to 600 amps, motor controls, low-voltage controls, appliances, and audio systems.

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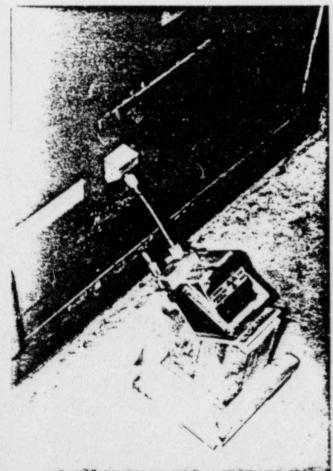
Views of S.A.M. source transfer unit (a modified Model 500-SU with source clamp) receiving source through hot-celf door.

Lower right photo shows guide tube disconnected prior to moving transfer device to the S.A.M. for source cleaning operation.

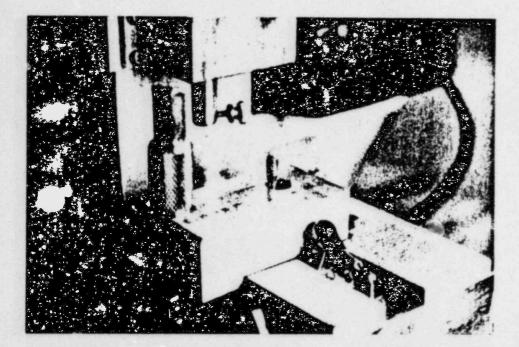


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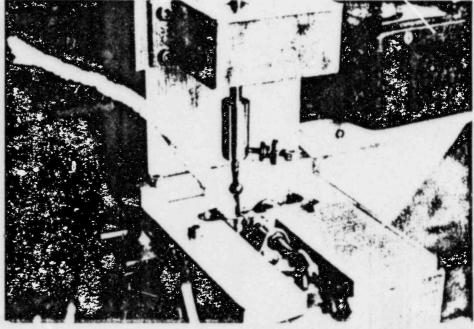




Close-up views of loading and connection operations (CCW from upper left) with source transfer device and S.A.M prior to starting automatic source wiping. Note cam actuated pigtail clamp, guidetube adaptor block, and large pipe cleaners used to wipe sources. Clamp is shown in unlocked position in lower right photo.

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ATTACHMENT II (cont'd)

Views of S.A.M. transfer device at hot-cell door.

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