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-34 Firex Corporation RECEIVED BY LFMB 464 Wisconsin Ave. lowners Grove, III. 60515 JUT 81980 312) 963-1550 Date LOB. VHL By. Orig. To ... Action Compl

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Re: Amendment to license mos. 12-15537-01 and 12-15537-02E for the following items: A. Customer return requirement. B. New source and holder. 30-1/357

C. New model.

D. Old address.

Mr. Jones:

Our present label, attached to each Firex smoke alarm, states that the device should be returned to the manufacturer for repair or disposal. We are deleting this statement from our label per NRC ruling (Federal Register - 1/9/80). All "point-of-purchase" packaging will include the statement "This detector contains radioactive material (1.0 pCi - Am 241) and has been manufactured in compliance with U.S. NRC safety criteria in TOCFR 32.27. The purchaser is exempt from any regulatory requirements.12-15537-02E"

We intend to incorperate a smaller source and holder as a design option for all models of Firex smoke alarms. The source, unchanged in material, activity, or radionuclide, will be 2.5 mm in diameter as opposed to the 5.0 mm diameter of our present source. The source holder, currently a 5/16 - 40 screw, will be a #10-40 stainless steel screw as shown in the enclosed preliminary drawing. All 1 urces will be crimped into their holders and will be delivered, together with wipe test certification, by foil manufacturers. Reduced material cost is the reason for this change.

A new model, featuring minor electrical changes but without any change in chamber configuration, is being added to the Firex product family as follows:

> Device Model FX-1014

Maximum Quantity per Device 0.99 µCi

Finally, condition 10 (see Amendment 07 of 12-15537-01) still refers to 1940B Lehigh Road, Glenview, Illinois, a location unused by Firex for some years (see correspondence to Mr. Nathan Bassin dated 11/3/76).

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Please amend our licenses to reflect the label change, the source screw option, and the new device model. Also, please delete reference to the Glenview address. Enclosed find a check for \$340 to cover the amendment costs. Your cooperation has been, and continues to be, much appreciated.

Yours Truly,

Quentin L. Schneider Radiation Safety Officer

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