

Nuclear Products



3591

Mr. William O. Miller Isotopes Branch Division of Licensing and Regulation U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington 25, D. C.

> Subject: H-3 Activated Backfilled Self-Luminous Sources, 3M Series 1C5

Dear Bill:

The purpose of this correspondence is to place on file the information pertinent to our 1C5 series of H-3 activated backfilled self-luminous sources. It is our intention here to register a series of sources, rather than an individual source, and to present information applicable to a typical source. Wherever possible limits in physical size, activity loadings, etc., will be presented.

As far as we are concerned these self-luminous products are sources, rather than devices. With this in mind the information required by you for sources will be presented. However, there are many instances in which the end use of a selfluminous product is as part of a device or larger source. In these cases the prospective licensee will furnish you with additional data, drawings, etc., along with his application.

Self-luminous sources in general are intended to provide light by utilizing the effect of radiation on a phosphor where other means of illumination are not as satisfactory.

Each source would contain a maximum of 10 curies of H-3. The H-3 paint is described in the enclosed "Product Specification, 3<sup>M</sup> Brand Self-Luminous Paint, H-3 Activated, 3MRPS-1A5001".

The construction of a typical source is detailed on the enclosed 3M drawing A-1921-106. Dimensions given are normal, with the maximum in any direction (length and width) being

MINNESOTA MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY 9609170514 650726 PDR RC \* SSD PDR Mr. Miller

12 inches. Shape may also change but the basic method of fabrication would remain the same.

The methods of fabrication and the quality control procedures employed, along with the prototype testing performed on this source, are detailed in the enclosed "Product Specification, 3M Brand Self-Luminous Backfilled Devices, H-3 Activated, 3MRPS-1C5001, 1 October 1962".

-2-

Label on each source would contain the information summarized below in the appropriate colors. In cases where this source would become part of a device, the prospective licensee would furnish additional labelling information.

> 3M Company Caution Radioactive Material Radiation Symbol XXX mc H-3 Model 1C5 \_\_\_\_\_ Date

I trust that the information contained herein will suffice. If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

MINNESOTA MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY Nuclear Products

Roler J. Kny

Robert J. Kunz Supervisor Administrative Services TCAAP-588

RJK/ar

Encl:

