



# LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICS COMPANY, INC.

Quality Microbiological Reagents

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PHONE: Area (201) 536-6300

April 6, 1988

Director  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: Petition to extend use of our  
Model 315, 6 inch 3M Static Eliminator  
Serial No. 871231 to May 19, 1988.

Dear Mr. Sir:

Kindly consider allowing us a continuing use exception to your order of February 18, 1988 terminating use of our Model 315 3M Static Eliminator. The static bar we use and the areas in the vicinity and in proximity to the device were tested by C. Thor O'Berg, Health Physicist with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I (phone: 215-337-5202). No leaks were found in our instrument nor was any radiation detected in the vicinity or in proximity to the instrument. The Safety Inspection report is attached.

It is important for us to maintain use of the static bar. The device is used in an environment of flammable substances making it impractical for us to use electrical-type charge eliminators. The diagnostic product we manufacture in the environment described is used to diagnose colo-rectal cancer. The product is depended on by hospitals and physicians world-wide. Heavy medical user demand makes it difficult for us to halt this important production.

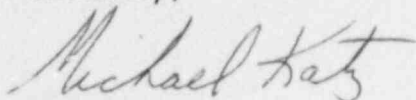
In an attempt to comply with the notice to return our device within 90 days of the notification we received February 19, 1988, we undertook a search for a new vendor. We finally located Herbert Products. However, Herbert's new surge of business put us on backorder; we will not receive our new static bar until May 2, 1988.

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On the basis that our device is not defective and is used in a flammable environment where an important diagnostic product is made, I ask your consideration in extending our use of the static bar until May 19, 1988.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Katz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Michael Katz  
President

MK/erk

Enclosure