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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region I 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, PA 19406 Att: Materials Licensing Section Steve Courtemanche

Dear Sir:

Re: Docket #030-13085 License 20-17626-01

I write this letter at your request for correspondence requesting termination of the NRC license for New England Medical Laboratories of 1750 Washington St., Holliston, MA. The cessation of testing and isotope storage at that location was a prolonged one, the key dates of which I have outlined below:

September 1982 - The acquisition of New England Medical Lab by MetPath, Inc. of Teterboro, N.J.

February 1983 - The cessation of use of Cobalt 57 and significant reduction in use of I:25 (most RIA testing moved to New Jersey).

April, 1984 - Cessation of the use and storage of I125. Solid waste continued to be stored at this address.

July, 1985 - Date of terminal survey.

In order to perform the terminal survey I used the Ludlum Model 3 Geiger Counter filled with the hand-held probe Model 44-3 which I had used as part of the laboratory monitoring activity previously. I surveyed the three bay garage which had been used to store radioactive waste during our "decay in storage" procedure currently in your files. Prior to our closing of the building, the laboratory bench work, cabinetry, fume hoods, etc., were removed to other MetPath laboratories.

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My terminal survey included monitoring of the bench tops, the plumbing areas and the fume hoods for residual radioactive contamination. Once the benches were removed I surveyed the plumbing areas which were exposed by virtue of removal of the benches. I also surveyed the ducts serving the fume hoods. In none of the areas surveyed did I find any radiation above background, which at the time was approximately 275 cpm. I did not expect any, since a time of well over five half-lives had elapsed since the isotope was produced.

I regret that I cannot retrieve the documentation of this terminal survey. I was unaware of the necessity to formally request termination of the license and did not therefore correspond with your office at the time the survey was performed.

Please contact me at the address above if further information is needed.

Sincerely

J/E. Stewart, Ph.D. Laboratory Director

cc: Al Reynolds Regulatory Files

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