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January 26, 1998

John McCutchen, President  
Connell Limited Partnership  
Yuba Heat Transfer Division  
P.O. Box 3158  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101-3158

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-05967/97-01

Dear Mr. McCutchen:

On December 15, 1997, the NRC conducted an inspection at your Tulsa, Oklahoma, facility. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Materials Licenses 35-13735-01. A telephonic exit briefing was conducted with Mr. Allen Cash of your staff on January 20, 1998.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified; therefore, no response to this letter is required.

The inspection disclosed that, in addition to radiographic operations being conducted in a vault described in an application dated March 22, 1993, Connell Limited Partnership (CLP) also conducted radiography at temporary job sites at the location of use authorized on your license. On June 27, 1997, a revised 10 CFR Part 34 was issued, and 10 CFR 34.41(b) requires that all radiographic operations conducted at locations of use authorized on the license must be conducted in a permanent radiographic installation, unless specifically authorized by the Commission. Your application included references to radiographic operations performed "outside of the vault," but did not specify that those operations would be performed at a location of use specified on your license. The performance of radiographic operations outside of a permanent radiographic installation at a location of use authorized on your license, without specific authorization by the Commission, is under review as a possible violation of 10 CFR 34.41(b). This issue is currently being categorized as an unresolved item (030-05967/9701-01) and we will contact you regarding the resolution of this issue following the receipt of further guidance from the NRC Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). At the close of the on-site inspection, you stated that CLP would cease the performance of radiographic operations outside of CLP's vault until this issue had been resolved. During the telephonic exit, Mr. Cash was informed that it was the NRC's understanding that CLP shall continue to maintain this position. 1/0

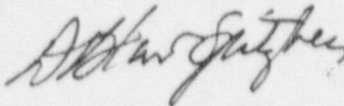
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact Jeffrey Cruz at (817) 860-8164 or D. Blair Spitzberg, Ph.D, at (817) 860-8191.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Blair Spitzberg".

D. Blair Spitzberg, Ph.D., Chief  
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