

Information Systems

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Licensing
Region # 1
United States Nuclear
Regulatory Commission
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

To Whom It May Concern:

Until September 1992, BASF Corporation ("BC") operated a facility in Bedford, Massachusetts for the coating of magnetic media. This facility was closed and much of its equipment was sold during the summer and fall of 1992.

One of the pieces of equipment that had been used at the facility was an NDC systems Model 8105 Magnetic Coating Monitoring System. This system contained a radioactive probe with a general license issued pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1956. In October 1992, Old Mills Sales purchased the NDC Systems Model 8105 Magnetic Coating Monitoring System from BC. Old Mills Sales did not have a specific license necessary to acquire the radioactive probe. The probe apparently was left in the system inadvertently when the system was sold to Old Mills Sales.

In March 1993, BC performed an investigation to determine what had happened to the magnetic probe after BC received inquiries about the probe from the manufacturer, NDC Systems. BC then learned that Old Mills Sales had possession of the probe.

BC promptly repurchased the Magnetic Coating Monitoring System and requested that NDC systems retrieve the radioactive probe. On May 21, 1993, NDC Systems took possession of the probe and shipped it back to its offices at 730 E. Cypress Avenue, Monrovia, California 91016.

By letters dated June 21, 1993, BC informed the commission of the return of the probe to NDC Systems. Copies of the letters are attached.

Please call should you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,



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