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Amersham

Dear Mr. Haughney;

This letter is in response to the NRC Bulletin 97-02 dated 23 Sep 97 and the revision to the bulletin dated 17 Oct 97.

The testing schedule for the Amersham Type B packages is attached. The model 660 (Certificate number 9033) is currently being tested and does not appear on the table. The remaining packages that are not listed in the retesting schedule will be terminated and this list is also attached. The termination requests will be sent in to the Transport Branch by 30 Jun 98. This time is needed in order to notify users of these packages and provide for alternative transport options.

The testing schedule has been determined based on the following factors:

Information learned from our retesting of the model 660 package.

The limited availability of units that can be manufactured or used for testing, taking into account the level of detail of earlier fabrication and quality assurance records.

The use of an outside resource to help in certain steps of the testing process.

Please note that this schedule revises the dates Amersham committed to in response to CAL 97-7-005. The amount of time and resources to conduct the retesting is much greater than originally anticipated, as we have learned during the 660 retesting.

I trust this provides the information requested by the bulletin. If you require any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

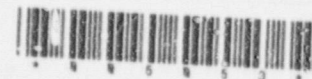
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RETESTING SCHEDULE

Certificate Number	Package Model	Test Report Complete
9035	680	7 Aug 98
9032	650	7 Aug 98
9269	650L	7 Aug 98
6613	702	13 Nov 98
9187	865	13 Nov 98
9107	771	19 Feb 99
9187	855	19 Feb 99
9148	770	28 May 99
9027	741	28 May 99
9029	676	3 Sep 99
9039	715	3 Sep 99
9166	864	10 Dec 99

PACKAGES TO BE TERMINATED

Certificate Number	Package model
9126	20/20A 50/50A
9127	100/100A 200/200A
9006	500SU
684	9028
850	9147
920	9143
C-8	9128
3206B, 3227B, 3218	9167