January 25, 1999

ASSIGNMENT NUMBER: 99-01

Mr. John Patterson, Ph.D. Metorex, Inc. Princeton Crossroads Corporate Center 250 Phillips Boulevard Ewing, NJ 08618

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REQUEST FOR SAFETY EVALUATION

Dear Dr. Patterson:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your January 4, 1999, application that requested a safety evaluation of the Models SSPS and HEPS probes. We have performed a cursory review of your application and determined that enough information has been provided to allow a technical reviewer to initiate the evaluation process. Applications are assigned to technical reviewers on a first-in basis. Therefore, your application will be assigned in turn. Please note that the technical reviewer may contact you to request information that was omitted from your application or to obtain clarification of technical issues concerning your application. If you have any questions concerning the status of your application, please contact me at (301) 415-8140. Please reference the assignment number listed above in your questions or correspondence.

Please be aware that your request may be subject to the NRC's application fees in accordance with 10 CFR Part 170. Therefore, a copy of your application has been forwarded to the License Fee and Debt Collection Branch for approval of the fee category and amount. If you have any questions concerning the fees associated with your application, please contact the License Fee and Debt Collection Branch at (301) 415-7554.

Sincerely,

Traci Kime, Registration Assistant Materials Safety Branch Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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