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re:

Comment on Proposed Rulemaking, as per

PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN, Volume 28 Number 7, February 14, 1998.

Dear Dr. Levin.

We would like to make the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking found in the PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN, Volume 28 Number 7, February 14, 1998

1) CHAPTER 226. RADIATION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR WELL LOGGING. Section 226.17 Design and performance criteria for sealed sources.

"A licensee may not use a sealed source, except those containing radioactive material in gaseous form, in well logging unless the sealed source meets the following minimum criteria"

We presume that the requirements of this proposed rule (226.17) recognizes/the "temporary generic exemption published in the Federal Register on July 25, 1989 (54 FR 30683) The generic exemption exempted well logging licensees from the requirement specified in 10 CFR 39.41 (a)(3) The exemption applied to (and allowed the continued use of) well logging sources that meet certain alternate prototype testing criteria " These sources were identified by manufacturer and model number in an attachment titled "WELL LOGGING SOURCES APPROVED LINDER PART 39 REQUIREMENTS" in a USNRC memorandum dated November 1, 1991, to "All Well Logging Licensees" on the subject "STATUS OF WELL LOGGING SOURCES".

If proposed rule (226 17) does not permit recognition of this generic exemption we would like to suggest that language be added to make such an allowance possible. An intolerable financial burden would befall small businesses who currently possess sources of these types, such as ours, if the NRC generic exemption is not allowed.

2) We did not see any discussion of fees of any type in the captioned Bulletin. We presume fee structure, including annual fees and reciprocity fees will be the subject of future Bulletins upon which comments can be made. (6/u)

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All Well Logging Licensees

SUBJECT: STATUS OF WELL LOGGING SOURCES

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The notice indicated that the exemption would remain in effect until NRC published its final findings in the Federal Register. Thus far, NRC has been unable to initiate this action due to higher priority activities; however, NRC now anticipates commencing this task in the near future.

Included in the memorandum with the Federal Register notice were three enclosures that listed various sealed source models common to well logging and identified their suitability for continued use in well logging operations. There have been a few changes to the lists since first transmitted. There are a few sources which we have determined meet the criteria specified in 10 CFR Part 39, and have added the sources to the approved list.

Enclosed are the three enclosures which have been updated on a one-time-only basis to show the apparent current status of known well logging sources. Enclosure 1 lists those source models which appear to meet Section 39.41 requirements and are approved for continued use. Enclosure 2 lists those source models whose continued use is authorized under the temporary generic exemption. Enclosure 3 lists those source models that do not meet the requirements of Section 39.41 or the generic exemption. When a sealed source is contained (and normally stored) within a device (logging tool), the sealed source manufacturer and model number is shown below the entry. When NRC has been able to determine that a sealed source model was manufactured/distributed by another company, or more than one model designation may have been used, this information is shown in parentheses below the entry. Neutron generators are shown by the designation "Nu GEN." An asterisk (*) indicates that the source is used within the logging tool's electronics package.

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We do not intend to update these lists in the future. Due to the time which has passed, we believe that all questions concerning sources identified on the unapproved list should have been answered. Any new well logging source introduced by source manufacturers must be designed to meet the criteria specified in 10 CFR 39.41. Therefore, it will not be necessary to update the list to include a new source, as the NRC or Agreement State registration sheet for the source will indicate that use of the source in well logging operations

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