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March 31, 1987

Ms. Evelyn R. Matson Materials Licensing Section U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region III 799 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Ms. Matson:

The following information is being sent in reply to your request for a closeout survey relative to termination of our NRC License No. 21-01784-01. Please refer to Control Number 82519.

The survey was conducted as stated in your letter by C. William Mutch, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry at Andrews University. Duplicate copies of his findings are enclosed. In addition, a diagram of all laboratories surveyed for radiation is also enclosed. All the information requested in your letter is presented in the report.

If you have any questions relative to this information, please contact me at (616) 926-5308.

Cordially,

Richard W. Ifkovits

Senior Research Microbiologist

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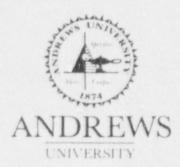
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March 25, 1987

Dr. Richard Ifkovits Senior Research Microbiologist Whirlpool Corporation Elisha Gray II Research and Engineering Center Monte Road Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Dr. Ifkovits:

The following is a report of procedures used and results obtained in the radiation survey of three laboratories of the Whirlpool Corporation in the Elisha Gray II Research and Engineering Center on March 12, 1987.

## Procedures:

- 1. General monitoring: Each room was surveyed (floor, bench top deck, fume hood) using an Eberline Model E-140 Gieger-Mueller counter, which was calibrated by Stan A. Huber Consultants, Inc., in December, 1986.
- 2. Swipe test: Several locations in each room were checked by the swipe test using approximately 1 inch squares of Kim Wipes rubbed over a surface trail of 3 to 5 feet. Each square was put in a scintillation vial along with 15 mls of aquasol and counted on a Packard Tri-Carb Liquid Scintillation Spectrometer. This instrument was operating at 70% efficiency as determined by using a standard C-14 sample from Packard.

## Results:

1. General monitoring: There were no areas in any room surveyed that indicated more than background radiation.

## 2. Swipe test: Data below is for a 5 minute counting interval.

Sample	Area	Actual Count	Corrected Count*	Standard Deviation**
Blank 1		247	353	19
Blank 2		245	350	19
Room 1053				
1	floor drain	261	373	19
2	bench top	223	319	18
Room 1058				
1	steel work box	278	397	20
2	floor	265	379	19
3	south bench top	251	359	19
4	north bench top	264	377	19
Room 1033				
1	north bench top	271	387	20
2	floor	292	417	20

\*Corrected count is based on a counter efficiency of 70%. \*\*Standard deviation,  $S = (corrected count)^{1/2}$ 

The low count rate makes a statistical analysis of the data unnecessary. If the difference between the highest count rate (417 counts per 5 minutes) and background is assumed to be statistically significant, then the amount of radioactivity (C-14) on the surface is about 1 pico curie (1pCi =  $1 \times 10^{-12}$  Ci), and is clearly insignificant. The three laboratories, therefore, are clean and free of radioactivity.

Cordially,

G. William Mutch, Ph.D.

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Associate Professor of Chemistry Radiation Safety Committee, Chairman

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