

Rec'd 8-24-98
40-8989

ENVIROCARE OF UTAH, INC.
THE SAFE ALTERNATIVE

August 17, 1998

Joseph Holonich
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Uranium Recovery Branch
Division of Waste Manager
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Shipment Discrepancies

Dear Mr. Holonich:

This letter concerns the waste shipments arriving at Envirocare's Clive site on August 7, 1998 and August 10, 1998 which were previously identified in notifications made by Envirocare. The shipments identified consisted of gondola cars from different generators.

Material was found on the outside of five railcars (Two railcars on August 7, 1998 and three railcars August 10, 1998) from Generator 4004. Radiological smears samples were taken of the material and based on the results it was determined that the material in question was not from the waste.

Three shipments, which arrived on August 7, 1998, from generator ZG001 were also identified as leaking. Two of the railcars did not have free standing liquids. Based upon visual inspection it was determined that the leaking liquid from these two railcars did not come from the waste. The leak rate from these two cars was too small to sample. Free standing liquids were found in the third shipment. Based upon Envirocare's shipping records the shipment having free standing liquids was sent prior to initiating corrective action plans identified in Envirocare's letter dated July 16, 1998.

It is Envirocare's position that the environmentally responsible approach is to not transport the shipments back to the generator due to the potential danger of the spread of contamination. Therefore, all of the shipments that are currently in transit to Envirocare will be managed in accordance with Envirocare's Waste Management Plan.

9809030223 980817
PDR ADOCK 04008989
C PDR

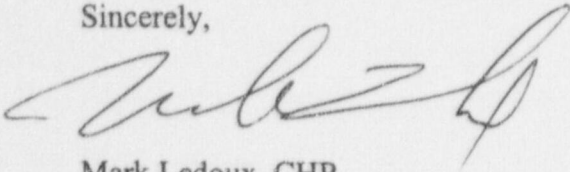
NH 16 1/2

ENVIROCARE

Joseph Holonich
August 17, 1998
Page 2

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (801) 532-1330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ledoux', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Ledoux, CHP
Corporate Radiation Safety Officer

cc: Harold LeFevre, NRC
Blair Spitzberg, Region IV NRC