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RE: Relocation of PPI Irradiator

Dear Steve:

As a follow-up to our conversation on Monday, we wish to have a meeting with NRC staff, PermaGrain Products, Inc. (PPI), and our PaDEP business relocation staff at your earliest convenience. You should be aware the Commonwealth is assisting PPI with a proposed business relocation, such that the final decontamination phase of the Quehanna facility and site may be completed without jeopardizing PPI personnel. Thus, our business relocation staff and contractor will have to relocate the PPI pool irradiator sources. Our desire is to build a new pool to current regulatory standards, and (re) construct a similar irradiator at the new site.

Preliminary design work is being done on the new PPI facility, and various local sites are being evaluated. We would like to discuss a phased approach to the PPI irradiator relocation. Specifically, if the pool design could be discussed and submitted for NRC approval, this would allow it to be included in any bid specifications for building construction. The next step will be to submit the irradiator design and Cobalt-60 source relocation plan for NRC approval.

As we discussed, if you could determine who at NRC Region I and/or Headquarters would need to be at this meeting, their available dates, we'll contact PPI for their availability to attend this preliminary meeting. We greatly appreciate your support and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

David J. Allard, CHP
Director

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