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Judith A Joustra Senior Health Physicist Nuclear Materials Safety Branch 2 Division of Nuclear Materials Safety US Nuclear Regulatory Commission 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

Dear Ms. Joustra,

This is in reference to our telephone call on January 20, 1999 during which you raised four questions:

- 1. Regarding AVAX's inventory and control system, we will document all receiving and shipping of radioactive material and ensure that material possessions not exceed the limits of AVAX's licensure.
- 2. With regard to calibration of survey and monitoring instruments, AVAX will utilize the services of an NRC licensed contractor. Since our telephone conversation, we have contacted JRT calibration services, which we strongly believe has the capabilities to provide required services. JRT calibration services has an NRC license: #37-30298-01.
- 3. With regard to personnel monitoring system, AVAX's will monitor all manufacturing personnel in manufacturing suite. This monitoring will perform with a film badge system on monthly intervals.
- 4. Attached you will find a copy of AVAX's Emergency Procedure which has been recently released.

I hope this written response satisfies all your questions. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (816) 960-1333.

Sincerely,

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