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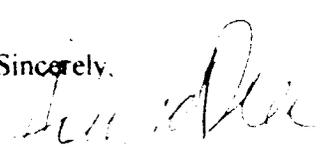
Dear Chief Decker:

This is in response to your letter of April 20, 1998, which we did not receive until May 29, 1998 by FAX.

All use of our lixiscope using the I-125 isotope has ceased in our Richmond office. On May 1, 1998, we purchased, and are now using, an electrical Xi-Scan fluoroscope that has no radioactive isotope. We have contacted Lixi, Inc. in Downers Grove, IL for the proper return of the I-125 isotope. We should receive the proper shipping materials within the next few days to facilitate this. Our latest leak test was performed 2/5/98 and analyzed on 2/12/98. This falls within the six month period as required. As soon as our shipping container arrives, we will return the isotope and send you the NRC form 314 for disposal of materials and termination of our license. In the meantime, our lixiscope remains locked in a metal case and in a sealed metal cabinet in an office away from the main flow of traffic.

We hope this response helps to bring this matter to a close. Please call my office if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


Dr. Howard F. Duke

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