

Memo from
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To: R.S. Lewis
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RADIATION HAZARDS / yours of 12.17.70

I had meant to stay in closer touch with you about your plans for this issue.

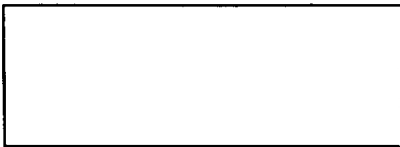
IN ANY EVENT, it seems to me that it would be unfortunate to continue a debate on a set of premises that are already obsolete (namely that the 170 mr standard is being defacto defended). Also I have every hope that the AEC is going through a crisis of decision that may result in further formalization of their expectations.

This does not seem like a good time for a journal on a monthly schedule to seize on the issue. But if you do, I hope you will give fair representation to Seaborg's statement -- not only by publishing its import, but by looking for a fair recognition that this is current policy in the other pieces that you accept (or by appropriate editorial comment if its is ignored.)

When the dust has settled, there will be plenty of room for further analysis on the basis of these new premises.

If you are still moving ahead-- do you want to use this particular piece, or suggest any small scale revisions that might adapt it better to your own needs?

By coincidence Miss Cullen's letter of 5/4 just arrived. If I can have another month (from now) I will amplify the economic argument; but I will be interested meanwhile in your reactions to the above.



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