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Dear Mr. Jackson:

The Bureau of Radiation & Hazardous Site Management has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact for the St. Albans Extended Care Center (ECC), Docket Number 030-34751, which was forwarded with your June 22, 2000 letter requesting comments. The EA supports a radioactive materials license amendment for the ECC, located in Queens, NY. The amendment will specify the Derived Concentration Guideline Limits (DCGLs) in the ECC's license, number 31-02892-06. This letter provides our comments on the EA.

The Department agrees with the finding that there will be no significant environmental impact from the approval of the license amendment, and we agree with the proposed DCGL of 11 picocuries per gram (pCi/g) for soils contaminated with strontium-90. The reference for this soil DCGL is specified in the table on the second page of the EA as an "R.F. Weston/Corps of Engineers letter dated June 7, 2000." Please provide this office with a copy of that letter.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Robert Rommel of my staff at (518) 457-2225.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Merges, Ph.D., Director
Bureau of Radiation & Hazardous Site Management
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