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Dear Ms. Maralia:

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Our records indicate that Bigelow Laboratory of Ocean Sciences (Bigelow), the principal on the surety bond, did hold an NRC license, but that license expired on June 30, 1991. We were unable to locate any more recent license for this company. However, in April 1992, NRC relinquished part of its regulatory authority to the State of Maine. It is possible that Bigelow now holds a radioactive materials license issued by Maine. To pursue this possibility you should contact the State of Maine, Radiation Control Program. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Shelly Cole at (301) 415-2549 or SDC1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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