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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ISSUED OCTOBER 2, 2003

Dear Dr. Johnson,

On October 3, 2003, the Commission issued amended rules for financial assurance for decommissioning applicable to NRC licenses issued pursuant to 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70 (68 FR 57327). The rules became effective on December 2, 2003; however, existing licensees are permitted to implement the rules over a period of time. The implementation schedule is shown below:

Financial Assurance Status as of October 3, 2003	New Requirement	Implementation Completion Date
Using $750K certification amount	$1,125K	December 2, 2004
Using $75K certification amount	$113K	May 2, 2005
Using $150K certification amount	$225K	May 2, 2005
Large irradiator not using a decommissioning funding plan (DFP)	Submit cost estimate with DFP and cover new amount	December 2, 2005
Waste broker not using a DFP	Submit cost estimate with DFP and cover new amount	December 2, 2005
Using a DFP	Revise cost estimate and cover new amount every 3 years	December 4, 2006 (unless licensee committed to earlier date in DFP)

This letter simply brings the implementation schedule to your attention. No response to this letter is required. However, if you are among those licensees whose financial assurance has been increased from $750K to $1,125K and you have not taken steps to do so, you are required to revise your financial assurance instruments promptly. If you have questions regarding implementation, please contact Marjorie McLaughlin at (610) 337-5240.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

John D. Kinneman, Chief
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Enclosure: 68 FR 57327

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