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Dear Dr. Brown:

We request that the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) license (License Number 19-00915-03, Docket Number 030-04530) be amended to remove the Knipling-Bushland U.S. Livestock Insects Research Laboratory in Kerrville, Texas, from the list of USDA radioactive waste burial sites. The enclosed letter from Sidney Kunz, the Laboratory Director, describes the amount and form of the radioactive material buried at the site. The concentration of carbon-14 in the animal carcass, which was incinerated and the ash was buried at the site, was less than the maximum permissible concentration for disposal of animal tissue as if it were not radioactive. Therefore, we request that the USDA license be amended to release the Kerrville, Texas, radioactive waste burial site for unrestricted use.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 301-734-4945.

Sincerely,

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Director  
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