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Document Control Desk ATTN: John Hickey, Director Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Hickey:

This letter is in response to the recent NRC Order stated in Enclosure 1 to the July 19, 2005 memo to materials licensees regarding additional security measures on the transportation of radioactive materials quantities of concern (RAMQC). Under Item B.1.(2) in Enclosure 1, compliance with the requirements of the NRC Order is unnecessary in the specific circumstances at the University of Minnesota. Shipment of items containing RAMQC will not be performed under a University of Minnesota NRC or NRC Agreement State License. Any shipment involving RAMQC to the University of Minnesota will only be performed by an NRC or NRC Agreement State licensed transporter that is authorized to possess the radioactive material of concern, and who will be required to maintain possession of it under the transporter's license until it is delivered into our University of Minnesota authorized use location for the item. Similarly, shipment of any RAMQC from the University of Minnesota will only be performed by an NRC or NRC Agreement State licensed transporter that is authorized to ship the radioactive material of concern and who will be required to take possession of it at our University of Minnesota authorized use location prior to transport. The University of Minnesota will assure that the NRC or NRC Agreement State licensed transporter has documented compliance with the above order before transfer of any RAMQC to the possession of the licensed transporter.

If in the future conditions change requiring the University of Minnesota to ship RAMQC under a University NRC or NRC Agreement State license, the University will inform the NRC ninety (90) days in advance of the shipment of the RAMQC.

If you have any questions concerning the University of Minnesota's response to the NRC Order referenced above or if you require additional information, please call me at 612/626-6764.

Sincerely,

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Radiation Protection Officer

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