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1400 Independence  
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Washington, DC  
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Mr. John D. Kinneman, Chief,  
Security and Industrial Branch  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region I  
475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406-1415

Dear Mr. Kinneman:

As the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), I exercise express authority and responsibility for oversight of the USDA radiation safety program including decommissioning activities associated with operations authorized by U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Material Licenses (Numbers 19-00915-03 and 19-00915-06.)

When necessary, Heads of USDA Agencies in which licensed materials are used will be notified to make funds available up to the amount of \$1,125,000 to decommission any facility where their Agency has used byproduct materials under the Licenses listed above. The notifications to obtain these funds will be made sufficiently in advance of decommissioning to prevent delay of required activities.

Sincerely;

John Surina  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Administration

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This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application dated

09/16/2005, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

Financial Assurance 19-00915-03/19-00915-06  
There were no administrative omissions. Your application was assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card

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A copy of your action has been forwarded to our License Fee & Accounts Receivable Branch, who will contact you separately if there is a fee issue involved.

Your action has been assigned **Mail Control Number** 137782/137783  
When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number.  
You may call us on (610) 337-5398, or 337-5260.

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Sincerely,  
Licensing Assistance Team Leader