



**UNITED STATES
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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE
(Letter Dated 11/23/2005)

Dear John A. Merkle, M.D.:

In response to your request, we have completed the initial processing, which is an administrative review of your application for a(n):

 New License ✕ Amendment Termination

There were no administrative omissions identified during our initial review. However, it should be noted that a technical review may identify omissions in the submitted information.

It appears that your request is routine (see 1-2 below, as applicable).

1. New and Amendment actions are normally processed within 90 days, unless we find major deficiencies, or policy issues requiring central program office assistance.
2. Termination actions are normally processed within 90 days, unless confirmatory surveys following decontamination/decommissioning activities are involved.

We will try to complete your request as soon as practicable. Any correspondence about this request should reference the control number(s). Please direct any questions concerning your request to the Materials Licensing Branch at (630) 829-9887.

Materials Licensing Branch

Mail Control No. 315123
License No. 24-17037-02