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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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King of Prussia, PA 19406

Docket Nos. 03004530

License Nos. 19-00915-03

Dear Dr. Lodhi:

This is in reference to the Characterization Survey Work Plan we submitted to you in December 2005 for characterization survey activities at our radioactive waste burial site in Beltsville, Maryland. The plan calls for excavation of up to 4 burial pits to characterize the waste streams and soil and groundwater contamination for development of a more accurate site decommissioning plan and cost estimate. The relatively small amounts of radioactive waste removed from the first 2 pits recently excavated at the site may not provide as much characterization data as needed. We would like to characterize a fifth pit to increase the characterization data to be used for updating our decommissioning plan and improving our cost estimate. The details of the revised characterization work plan were submitted to you in a letter dated May 26, 2006, from Henry Siegrist of Cabrera Services.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 301-504-2441.

Sincerely,

John T. Jensen
Director
Radiation Safety Staff

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

6/15/2006, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

Notification 19-00915-03
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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Sincerely,
Licensing Assistance Team Leader