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May 23, 2006

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SUBJECT: PERMIT AMENDMENT: CONNECTICUT HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, WEST
HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Dear Mr. McGuire:

This refers to your Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) February 21, 2006, letter regarding the Connecticut Health Care System, Building 27, located in West Haven, Connecticut. In that letter, you requested NRC review and approval for the release of Building 27 for unrestricted use.

Based on our review of the documentation you submitted in support of the request, we have determined that you have satisfactorily demonstrated that Building 27 of the Connecticut Health Care System, located in West Haven, Connecticut, does not contain residual radiological contamination in excess of NRC release limits. As a result, the facility can be released for unrestricted use.

NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in support of the proposed permit amendment to release the subject facility for unrestricted use. An announcement was made in the Federal Register dated May 22, 2006, related to the EA and FONSI.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system

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Please feel free to contact me at (630) 829-9871 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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