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Mr. Joe Jacobsen, Radiation Safety Officer Battelle Memorial Institute Columbus Operations Mail Stop: JS22 505 King Avenue Columbus, OH 43201-2693

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO EXTEND DECOMMISSIONING COMPLETION DATE

Dear Mr. Jacobsen::

Enclosed is Amendment No. **31** amending NRC Material License No. SNM-00007, which extends your Decommissioning Completion date to **December 31, 2006**, as requested in your letter dated August 3, 2006.

An environmental assessment for this action is not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11).P

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Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

Sincerely,

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George M. McCann Decommissioning Branch

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