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Docket No. 03035912 License No. 37-30710-01
Control No. 139523

Randy O'Rourke
President
Geotechnics
544 Braddock Avenue
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

SUBJECT: GEOTECHNICS, LICENSE AMENDMENT, CONTROL NO. 139523

Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

This refers to your license amendment request. Enclosed with this letter is the amended license.

During our telephone conversation of November 13, 2006, I explained to you the NRC policy regarding review of training programs. As I mentioned during the conversation, NRC does not review requests for approval of an applicant's training program as service to others. The adequacy of training of a licensee's personnel using licensed material may be reviewed during NRC inspection of the licensee. NUREG 1556, Volume 1, Revision 1, provides the criteria that a training program for portable gauge users must meet. Appendix D of the NUREG also describes qualifications of the instructors.

The amended license authorizes use of portable gauges for instruction purposes also. The enclosed license is written in accordance with current NRC policy and includes revisions of a few conditions. We have also corrected the spelling of the name of your Radiation Safety Officer. Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand and fully implement all the conditions incorporated into the amended license. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I Office, Licensing Assistance Team, (610) 337-5239, so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

An environmental assessment for this action is not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14).

Current NRC regulations and guidance are included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov; select **Nuclear Materials; Medical, Academic, and Industrial Uses of Nuclear Material;** then **Toolkit Index Page.** Or you may obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-888-293-6498. The GPO is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Sattar Lodhi, Ph.D.

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cc:
Jeffrey Corchado, Radiation Safety Officer

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MATERIALS LICENSE

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-438), and Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Parts 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, and 70, and in reliance on statements and representations heretofore made by the licensee, a license is hereby issued authorizing the licensee to receive, acquire, possess, and transfer byproduct, source, and special nuclear material designated below; to use such material for the purpose(s) and at the place(s) designated below; to deliver or transfer such material to persons authorized to receive it in accordance with the regulations of the applicable Part(s). This license shall be deemed to contain the conditions specified in Section 183 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission now or hereafter in effect and to any conditions specified below.

Licensee	In accordance with the letter dated October 2, 2006,
1. Geotechnics	3. License number 37-30710-01 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:
2. 544 Braddock Avenue East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15112	4. Expiration date January 31, 2012
	5. Docket No. 030-35912 Reference No.

6. Byproduct, source, and/or special nuclear material	7. Chemical and/or physical form	8. Maximum amount that licensee may possess at any one time under this license
A. Cesium 137	A. Sealed Sources (AEA Technology Model CDCW556; Isotope Products Laboratories Model HEG-137)	A. No single source to exceed the maximum activity specified in the certificate of registration issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State
B. Americium 241	B. Sealed Sources (AEA Technology Model AMNV.997; Isotope Products Laboratories Models Am1.NO2, 3021, 3027)	B. No single source to exceed the maximum activity specified in the certificate of registration issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State
C. Californium 252	C. Sealed Sources (Isotope Products Laboratories Model HEG-252)	C. No single source to exceed the maximum activity specified in the certificate of registration issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State

9. Authorized use:

A. through C. In Troxler Electronic Laboratories Models 3400 series and 3411-B portable gauging devices for measuring physical properties of materials, and for training of individuals as service to others.

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CONDITIONS

10. Licensed material may be used or stored at the licensee's facilities located at 544 Braddock Avenue, East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and may be used at temporary job sites of the licensee anywhere in the United States where the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission maintains jurisdiction for regulating the use of licensed material, including areas of exclusive Federal jurisdiction within Agreement States.

    If the jurisdiction status of a Federal facility within an Agreement State is unknown, the licensee should contact the Federal agency controlling the job site in question to determine whether the proposed job site is an area of exclusive Federal jurisdiction. Authorization for use of radioactive materials at job sites in Agreement States not under exclusive Federal jurisdiction shall be obtained from the appropriate state regulatory agency.

11. Licensed material shall be used by, or under the supervision and in the physical presence of, individuals who have received the training described in the application dated December 26, 2001.

12. The Radiation Safety Officer for this license is Jeffrey A. Corchado.

13. In addition to the possession limits in Item 8, the licensee shall further restrict the possession of licensed material to quantities below the minimum limit specified in 10 CFR 30.35(d) for establishing decommissioning financial assurance.

14. A. Sealed sources shall be tested for leakage and/or contamination at intervals not to exceed six months or at the intervals specified in the certificate of registration issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission under 10 CFR 32.210 or under equivalent regulations of an Agreement State.

    B. In the absence of a certificate from a transferor indicating that a leak test has been made within the intervals specified in the certificate of registration issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission under 10 CFR 32.210 or under equivalent regulations of an Agreement State, prior to the transfer, a sealed source received from another person shall not be put into use until tested and the test results received.

    C. Sealed sources need not be tested if they are in storage and are not being used; however, when they are removed from storage for use or transferred to another person and have not been tested within the required leak test interval, they shall be tested before use or transfer. No sealed source shall be stored for a period of more than 10 years without being tested for leakage and/or contamination.

    D. The leak test shall be capable of detecting the presence of 0.005 microcurie (185 becquerels) of radioactive material on the test sample. If the test reveals the presence of 0.005 microcurie (185 becquerels) or more of removable contamination, a report shall be filed with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in accordance with 10 CFR 30.50(c)(2), and the source shall be removed immediately from service and decontaminated, repaired, or disposed of in accordance with Commission regulations.

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E. Tests for leakage and/or contamination, limited to leak test sample collection, shall be performed by the licensee or by other persons specifically licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State to perform such services. The licensee is not authorized to perform the analysis; analysis of leak test samples must be performed by persons specifically licensed by U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State to perform such services.

F. Records of leak test results shall be kept in units of microcuries and shall be maintained for 5 years.

15. Sealed sources or source rods containing licensed material shall not be opened or sources removed or detached from source rods or gauges by the licensee, except as specifically authorized.

16. The licensee shall conduct a physical inventory every six months, or at other intervals approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to account for all sources and/or devices received and possessed under the license. Records of inventories shall be maintained for 5 years from the date of each inventory and shall include the radionuclides, quantities, manufacturer's name and model numbers, and the date of the inventory.

17. Each portable nuclear gauge shall have a lock or outer locked container designed to prevent unauthorized or accidental removal of the sealed source from its shielded position. The gauge or its container must be locked when in transport or storage, or when not under the direct surveillance of an authorized user.

18. Any cleaning, maintenance, or repair of the gauges that requires detaching the source or source rod from the gauge shall be performed only by the manufacturer or by other persons specifically licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State to perform such services.

19. A. If the licensee uses unshielded sealed sources extended more than 3 feet below the surface, the licensee shall use surface casing that extends from the lowest depth to 12 inches above the surface and other appropriate procedures to reduce the probability of the source or probe becoming lodged below the surface. If it is not feasible to extend the casing 12 inches above the surface, the licensee shall implement procedures to ensure that the cased hole is free of obstruction before making measurements.

B. If a sealed source or a probe containing sealed sources becomes lodged below the surface and it becomes apparent that efforts to recover the sealed source or probe may not be successful, the licensee shall notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and submit the report required by 10 CFR 30.50(b)(2) and (c). The licensee shall not abandon the sealed source or probe without obtaining the Commission's prior written consent.

20. The licensee is authorized to transport licensed material in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."

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21. Except as specifically provided otherwise in this license, the licensee shall conduct its program in accordance with the statements, representations, and procedures contained in the documents, including any enclosures, listed below. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulations shall govern unless the statements, representations, and procedures in the licensee's application and correspondence are more restrictive than the regulations.

    A. Application dated December 26, 2001 (ML020020358)

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Date November 14, 2006

By ***Original signed by Sattar Lodhi, Ph.D.***

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