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SUBJECT: NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION, REVIEW OF
DECOMMISSIONING COST ESTIMATE, CONTROL NO. 139765

Dear Mr. Califre:

In response to your letter dated November 20, 2006, forwarding your Decommissioning Cost Estimate for facilities under your NRC license No. 29-08978-02, we have reviewed the basis of your evaluation in accordance with NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance". The scope and completeness of the estimate, level of detail presented and reasonableness of the estimated costs were found to be acceptable.

Thank you for your submittal. Your cooperation with us is appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (610) 337-5399.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Stephen Hammann

Stephen Hammann
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cc:
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