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SUBJECT: MERCK & CO., INC., ACCEPTANCE OF NOTIFICATION OF CESSATION OF
ACTIVITIES AT A SITE, CONTROL NO. 140427

Dear Dr. Reinhard:

We received the notification of cessation of activities at your Branchburg Farm Facility located in Somerville, New Jersey. In accordance with 10 CFR 30.36, we expect decommissioning of the facility to be completed within 24 months unless a decommissioning plan is submitted within 12 months and an alternate schedule is approved. In accordance with the conditions of your license, a decommissioning plan is not required unless decommissioning activities are required which are not currently authorized by your license.

Current NRC guidance for decommissioning is in NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance", Volumes 1, 2 and 3. In particular, you should review NUREG-1757, Volume 2, Appendix B, "Simple Approaches for Conducting Final Radiological Surveys". This guidance is available electronically at the NRC web site and can be reached directly at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1757/>.

Please contact me at (610) 377-5040 or by email to exu@nrc.gov if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Elizabeth Ullrich

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