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Ms. Marie Miller  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region 1  
475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406-1415

Dear Ms. Miller:

As Assistant Secretary for Administration for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and senior official responsible for the USDA Radiation Safety Program, I exercise express authority and responsibility to request from the appropriated budget of the USDA Office of Departmental Administration, and to recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture that he request from the Congress of the United States funds for decommissioning activities associated with operations authorized by the U.S. Regulatory Commission Material License Numbers 19-00415-03 and 19-00415-06. This authority is established by 7 C.F.R. §§ 2.24 (a) (7), (10), and (17).

Within this authority, I intend to request, or recommend that the Secretary of Agriculture request that funds be made available when necessary in the amount of \$1,125,000 (for License Number 19-00415-03) and \$113,000 (for License Number 19-00415-06) to decommission any USDA facility where licensed materials are used. I intend to request these funds sufficiently in advance of decommissioning to prevent delay of required activities.

Sincerely,

Boyd K. Rutherford  
Assistant Secretary  
for Administration

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