

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Veterans Health Administration National Health Physics Program 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock, AR 72114

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In Reply Refer To: 598/115HP/NLR

Cassandra F. Frazier Division of Nuclear Material Safety Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region III 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210 Lisle, Illinois 60532-4352

Dear Ms. Frazier:

Per NRC License 03-23853-01VA, we are enclosing closeout survey documentation for the VA New Jersey Health Care System, East Orange, New Jersey, for your review and approval. The documentation is to support a request to release the location of use, identified as Building 13, for unrestricted use.

For review and approval of this request, we enclose a copy of a letter dated March 29, 2007. The health care system letter includes other information since the request to release Building 13 was part of a response for an inspection violation. We are also enclosing an e-mail string dated July 10, 2007, which provides additional information from the Radiation Safety Officer.

The letter and e-mail provide historical site information and survey results consistent with the 10 CFR 30.36 criteria to evaluate the facility for a decommissioning action.

We conclude the survey results comply with 10 CFR 20.1402, which limits radiation exposure to 25 millirems per year from residual radioactivity that is distinguishable from background.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Gary E. Williams, VHA National Health Physics Program, at (501) 257-1572.

Sincerely,

Director, National Health Physics Program

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS New Jersey Health Care System

March 29, 2007

In Reply, Refer To: 561/114A/EO VHA Permit No. 29-04481-01

National Health Physics Program (115HP/NLR) Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration Building 101, Room 208 2200 Fort Roots Drive North Little Rock, Arkansas, 72114

Attached please find the License Application Amendment for VHA permit no. 29-04481-01. The amendment is in the form of a supplement to NRC form 313, along with multiple attachments. The intent of this amendment is to decommission our original waste storage garage (Bldg 13) demolished in November, 2004 and to add **Theorem** as our new storage facility.

The new building is located at:

Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care System 385 Tremont Avenue East Orange, New Jersey 07018-1095 385 Tremont Avenue East Orange NJ 0701 (973) 676-1000

Medical Center

Medical Center 151 Knollcroft Road Lyons NJ 07939 (908) 647-0180

James J. Howard Outpatient Clinic 970 Route 70 Brick NJ 08724 (732) 206-8900

VA Primery Practice Group 382 Prospect Avenue Hackensack NJ 07601 (201) 487-1390

VA Primary Care Clinic 171 Jersey Street, Bldg. 36 Trenton NJ 08611-2425 (609) 989-2355

VA Primary Care Clinic 654 East Jersey St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Elizabeth, NJ 07201 (908) 994-0120

VA Primary Care Clinic 115 Christopher Columbus Drive Jersey City, NJ 07302 (201) 435-3055

VA Primary Care Clinic 317 George Street New Brunswick NJ 08901 (732) 729-0646

VA Primary Care Clinic 540 West Hanover Avenue Morris Plaina, NJ 07950 (973) 539-9791/9794

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Radiation Safety Officer, Peter A. Goyer, M.S. at (973) 676-1000 ext 3828.

Sincerely NNETH H. MIZRACH Director

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# List of Enclosed Documents and Attachments

- 1) Form 313
- 2) Signed Form 591
- 3) Permit Amendment Request
- 4) Copy of Original Survey with updates
- 5) Spreadsheet of Waste Stored
- 6) Copy of Email from Joseph Baran to Peter Goyer dated February 27, 2007
- 7) Copy of Memo from Assistant Director to Chair of Radiation Safety Committee dated September 21, 1990
- 8) Description and Details for New Waste Storage Building
  - a. Former Location of Bldg 13 Map
  - b. Location of
  - c. Room diagram for N

NHPP FORM 313	
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	Washington, D. C. 20420
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS	SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
1. Follow permit application guide and appropriate templates on the NHPP intranet Web site at hpp.med.va.gov for detailed	1. Send the original only of the completed application.
instructions to complete the application.	2. Use one of the following addresses.
2. Have NHPP Form 313 signed by a representative of executive management for a permit renewal.	National Health Physics Program (115HP/NLR) Building 101, Room 208
	2200 Fort Roots Drive
3. Send application for renewal to be received at least 30 days before	North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114
permit expiration date.	
	OR
4. Provide adequate and sufficient information to comply with NRC	E mail to shaa han Omed up and
licensing criteria in the NUREG-1556 series documents.	E-mail to <u>vhconhpp@med.va.gov</u>
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A. NEW PERMIT	Department of Veterans Affairs, New Jersey Health Care System
B. AMENDMENT TO PERMIT NUMBER29-04481-01	385 Tremont Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey, 07018-1095
AWENDMENT TO PERMIT NOMBER23-04461-01	
3. ADDRESS(ES) WHERE RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL WILL BE USED	4. NAME OF PERSON TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT THIS APPLICATION
OR POSSESSED	
	PETER A. GOYER, MS, DABR
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Same as Above	TELEPHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDRESS
	(973) 676-1000 x3828 peter.goyer2@va.gov
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9. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	10. RADIATION SAFETY PROGRAM
See attached documents for specific changes	No changes
11. WASTE MANAGEMENT Research Waste Storage Site Changed	12. PERMIT FEES (not applicable)
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# Permit Amendment Request

VHA Radioactive Permit No. 29-04481-01 Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care System 385 Tremont Avenue East Orange, New Jersey, 07018-1095

# Waste Storage Garage, Building 13

In response to the NHPP inspection of our facility on February 21, 2007, (561-07-01) we are requesting an amendment to our permit (29-04481-01) to reflect the decommissioning and subsequent demolishment of our waste garage known as Building 13. This building was surveyed for radioactive contamination prior to its destruction, and the results of that survey are attached. The attached decommissioning survey is a copy of the original document retained in the Radiation Safety Office, with the addition of two changes, 1) the conversion of cpm values to dpm and 2) a statement clarifying the background reading.

In addition, we are requesting that our new waste storage **set and the set of the set of** 

### **Historical Perspective:**

The Waste Storage Garage (Building 13) was built around the turn of the century (circa 1900). The building was located on the lower section (southeast) of the 40 acre site. The garage consisted of four bays; the bay that was used for low level radioactive waste storage was the last bay on the right as you face the west elevation (front of building). The first official use of the garage bay for low level radioactive waste storage is indicated in the attached space committee request dated September 21, 1990, from the Assistant to the Director, addressed to the Chair, Radiation Safety Committee. The waste garage was used solely to store sealed drums of research material radioactive waste. This waste was Dry paper/plastic, Liquid Scintillation Vials, or Animal Carcasses; all contained in steel 55 gallon drums. No open handling of radioactive material was done in the garage.

#### **Construction:**

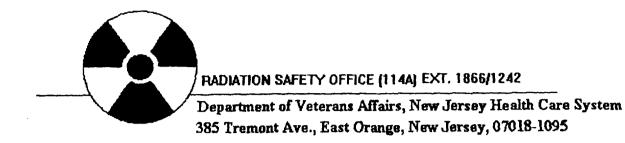
The garage was built on a large concrete slab, with wood frame walls and wood siding. The garage bay dimensions are described on the original space request (attached).

## Record of waste disposal:

Six shipments of Radioactive Waste from the Garage were recorded:

June 5, 1991 April 14, 1992 September 29, 1993 January 31, 1997 January 31, 2000 November 21, 2002 November 16, 2004 (waste transferred to new location)

Attached is a spread sheet showing the isotopes, and activities that were shipped out of the garage and the dates of those shipments.



November 16, 2004

SUBJ: Decommissioning Report for Radioactive Waste Storage Garage (Bldg. 13)

All radioactive waste has been removed from the storage garage in preparation for demolition of the building. A meter survey and wipe test were performed at the site on November 15, 2004, using the instruments listed.

Instrumentation:

Geiger Meter: Bicron 2000 Serial No.: B550Q Cal Date: August 11, 2004 Liquid Scintillation Counter: Packard TR2700 Serial No.: 412197 Cal Date: Normalized prior to counting

Results:

Survey meter readings: < 0.05 mR/hr all locations Wipe results:

Bkgd: 23cpm (46dpm.

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1) 23 cpm (46 dpm)2) 26 cpm (52 dpm)3) 30 cpm (60 dpm)4) 17 cpm (34 dpm)2/28/0

Minimum Detectable Activity:

 $MDA = 2.32\sqrt{23}cpm = 11cpm$ therefore: MDA = 23cpm + 11cpm = 34cpm (68 dpm) assumed efficiency  $\gg 50\%$ 

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Conclusions:

The garage area is free of detectable radiation contamination.

PETER A. GOYER, MS, Radiation Safety Officer

Decommissioning Report for Radioactive Waste Storage Garage Building 13, East Orange Campus Date: November 16, 2004

## Meter Readings:

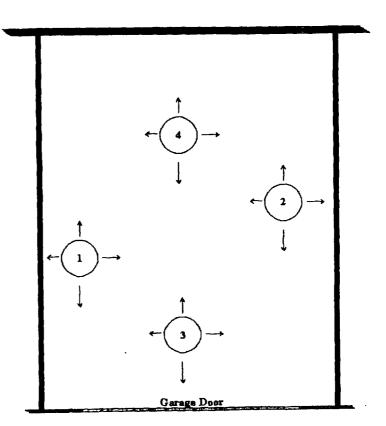
< 0.05mR/hr all locations

#### Wipe Results:

bkgd:	13cpm
1) floor, left side	23cpm
2) floor, right side	26cpm
3) floor, by door	30cpm
4) floor, at back	17cpm

MDA = 34cpm therefore, no removeable contamination detected

Surveyor; Ĺ Peter A. Goyer, M.S.



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Total Activity for Research Waste thru Bldg. 13

June 5, 1991		Activitiy	(mCi)		
	H-3	C-14	Co-57	Na-22	<120days
Dry Waste:	16.51	2.2941	0.035		13.5116
LSV:	0.1043	0.1434			
Animal:					
Total Act (mCi)	16.6143	2.4375	0.035	0	13.5116
April 12, 1992					
	H-3	C-14	Co-57	Na-22	<120days
Dry Waste:	8.96	15.222	0.008		28.477
LSV:	1.846	1.601			
Animal:					
Total Act (mCl)	10.806	16.823	0.008	0	28.477
September 29, 1993					
	H-3	C-14	Co-57	Na-22	<120days
Dry Waste:	0.58	0.075	0.168	3.1	4,151
LSV:	1.215	1.295		0.005	
Animal:	0.06	0.86			
Total Act (mCi)	1.855	2.23	0.168	3.105	4.151
January 31, 1997					
	H-3	C-14	Co-57	Na-22	<120days
Dry Waste:	18.783	3.956			10.04
LSV:	25.82	7.508		0.032	0.24
Animal:					
Total Act (mCi)	44.603	11.464	0	0.032	10.28
January 31, 2000					
-	H-3	C-14	Co-57	Na-22	<120days
Dry Waste:	1.1346	2.029	0.129		11.953
LSV:	1.6				
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Total Act (mCl)	2.7346	2.029	0.12 <del>9</del>	0	11.953
November 21, 2002					
	H-3	C-14	Co-57	Na-22	<120days
Dry Waste:	0.357	0.038	0.13		28.32
LSV:	0.004	0.2435			0.03235
Animal:					
Total Act (mCi)	0.361	0.2815	0.13	0	28.35235

		Activitiy (r	nCi)		
	H-3	C-14	Co-57	Na-22	<120days
Grand Total Act (mCi)	76.9739	35.265	0.47	3.137	96.725

HA ms, R50 2/28/07

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#### Goyer, Peter Andrew

From: Baran, Joseph

Sent: Friday, March 02, 2007 11:24 AM

To: Goyer, Peter Andrew

Cc: Baran, Joseph; Machinga, Jarod M. Ph.D.

Subject: Info on Building #13

The demolition of building was Nov. 17 and Nov. 18 2004 Dr. Peter Goyer per email and conversation pertaining to where the demolition is for building #13

This is all the information on Building #13 Demolition. The area is now a parking lot.

The General Contractor for the site parking lot project was

Reva inc.211 warren St. Newark NJ 07103 phone number 973-643-7680

The Demolition contractor was Mazzocchi Wrecking 32 Williams parkway East Hanover NJ 07936.

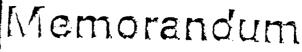
The building had Asbestos removal which went T.R.R.F. 200 Bordentown Rd. Tullytown Pa. 19007 215-943-9732 #044359

After clearance,

The construction wood and concrete floor was treated as general construction debris and went to a local landfill and recycle center.

S&S Environmental Science Inc, 98 sand park rd. Cedar Grove NJ, phone number. 973-857-7188. did laboratory soil samples on Nov. 10 & 11 2004 and were analyzed below the NJDEP Criteria for clean fill.

# Veterans Administration Date: September 21, 1990



From: Assistant to the Director (002)

Subj: Space Request(s)

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To: Chief, Radiation Therapy (114A)

1. The attached space request (s) submitted by your office has been acted upon by the Space Sub-committee, Resource Committee and the Medical Center Director.

2. Please note the action taken and contact the appropriate services i.e., Engineering, Building Management, Medical Administration, IRM, etc. in order to affect the changes which have been approved, if applicable.

3. If you have any questions please contact me on extension 1435.

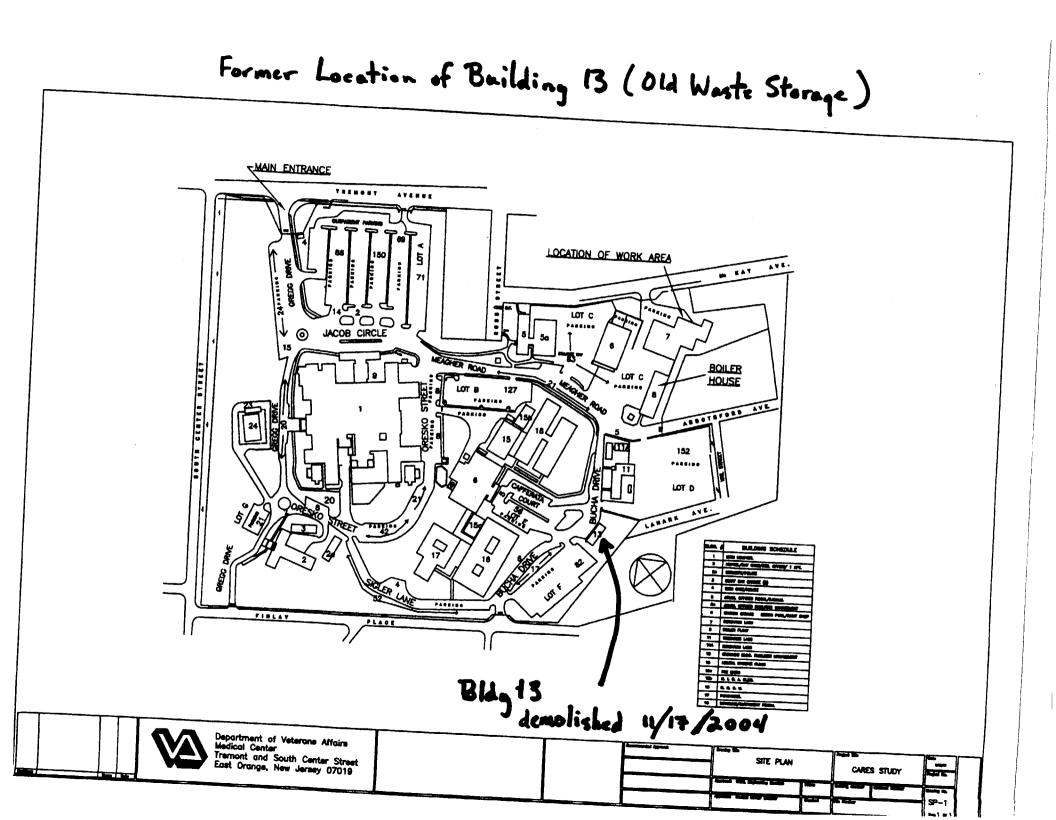
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# SPACE REQUEST

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ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR STORAGE OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE

<u>Reason</u>: As of January, 1993, the current waste disposal site in Richland, Washington will no longer accept waste from out-of-state locations. The States of New Jersey & Connecticut have formed the Northeast Regional Low Level Radioactive Waste Compact and would provide a waste management site by April, 1995.

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In the interim, lowlevel radioactive waste needs to be stored on site on the grounds of VAMC, EO. for two to three years.

Dimensions of currently available space in Building-13: Length: 35 Width: 15 Height: 10 Area: 5,950 ag.FT.

Estimated volume of waste needing storage: 10,600 erg. F.T.

Dimensions -f area needed for storage: Lenth: 35' Width: 34' Height: 10' Area: 12,000 mFf

The additional space would have to have limited access, security, provision for ease of conducting leak tests, minimal temperature regulation and policy for situations involving fire.

Existing storage areas could be used if they meet criteria.

Maimu Ohanian, M.D., Chair-person, Radiation Safety Committee John Mathew, M.D., Radiation Safety Officer Steven Rose, Radiation Health Physicist

137 will follow up for many.

From: Goyer, Peter A. Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 11:19 AM To: Williams, Gary E Cc: Offutt, Lisa M Subject: RE: additional information for waste storage building

Gary, in response to this question:

There were not any ventilation or sanitary/sewer discharge systems associated with the portion of the building where radioactives were stored as it was a garage bay with a solid concrete floor. I cannot speak to any other areas of the building...

Peter

From:	Williams, Gary E
Sent:	Tuesday, July 10, 2007 11:36 AM
To:	Goyer, Peter A.
Cc:	Offutt, Lisa M
Subject:	RE: additional information for waste storage building

Peter,

Please respond to this question also.

Describe any ventilation or sanitary/sewer discharge systems associated with the building and any potential for the spread of, or residual, radioactive contamination.

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From: Goyer, Peter A. Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 10:24 AM To: Williams, Gary E Cc: Offutt, Lisa M Subject: RE: additional information for waste storage building

Gary, in response to your questions:

1) No major spills were ever recorded to have occurred in the decommissioned waste storage facility (Bldg 13).

2) No sealed sources were ever stored in the decommissioned waste storage facility (Bldg 13)

3) Quarterly surveys were performed using GM and LSC, no contamination was ever recorded....

Peter

From:	Williams, Gary E
Sent:	Tuesday, July 10, 2007 9:01 AM
To:	Goyer, Peter A.
Cc:	Offutt, Lisa M
Subject:	additional information for waste storage building

Peter,

This is a request for additional information for the permit amendment request to release the former waste storage building for unrestricted use.

The specific questions are noted below and are based on the typical information requested by NRC for this type of permitting action.

Did any major spills (i.e., a spill which resulted in residual radioactive contamination above the release criteria) occur in the building?

If so, provide a detailed description and analysis of the major spill.

Were any sealed sources stored in the building?

If so, indicate whether the sealed sources failed a leak test or potentially resulted in the spread of radioactive contamination.

Describe any ventilation or sanitary/sewer discharge systems associated with the building and any potential for the spread of, or residual, radioactive contamination.

Describe the routine radiation surveys (i.e., frequency, equipment, and methods) completed for the building and indicate if historical records identified any surveys results with radioactive contamination above the release criteria.

Please respond within 30 days to this request for additional information.

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