February 15, 2008

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SUBJECT: PERMIT AMENDMENT: VA PUGET SOUND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. McGuire:

This refers to your Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) July 5, 2007, letter regarding the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, located in Seattle, Washington. In that letter, you requested NRC review and approve the release of the Waste Storage Area 3 for unrestricted use.

Based on our review of the documentation you submitted in support of the request, we have determined that you have satisfactorily demonstrated that the Waste Storage Area 3 of the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, located in Seattle, Washington does not contain residual radiological contamination in excess of NRC release limits. As a result, the facility can be released for unrestricted use.

NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in support of the proposed permit amendment to release the subject facility for unrestricted use. An announcement was made in the Federal Register dated February 14, 2008, related to the EA and FONSI.

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Please feel free to contact me at (630) 829-9871 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
/RA/
William G. Snell
Decommissioning Branch

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