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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSURANCE DOCUMENTS, CONTROL NO. 141654

Dear COL Rooney:

This is in reference to a recent audit finding about your providing financial assurance for decommissioning for Nuclear Regulatory Commission License No. SUB-834. In order to continue our review, we need the following additional information:

1. The last approved financial assurance was dated 1994. Please submit a Decommissioning Funding Plan for review. The appropriate level of detail for the cost estimate is discussed in Appendix A.3 to Volume 3 of NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance." If the DFP cost estimate is greater than your current certification of financial assurance, you must submit a revised financial assurance instrument in the prescribed amount of the cost estimate. Please follow closely the recommended wording for financial assurance mechanisms found Appendix A to Volume 3 of NUREG-1757. An updated cost estimate is required at least every 3 years per 10 CFR 40.36(d).

2. Please submit a revised Certification of Financial Assurance. Please follow closely the model given on page A-23 found in Appendix A to Volume 3 of NUREG-1757.

Current NRC regulations and guidance are included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov; select **Nuclear Materials; Medical, Academic, and Industrial Uses of Nuclear Material;** then **Regulations, Guidance, and Communications.** You may also obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-866-512-1800. The GPO is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

We will continue our review upon receipt of this information. Please reply to my attention at the Region I Office and refer to Mail Control No. 141654. If you have any technical questions regarding this deficiency letter, please call me at (610) 337-5366.

Sincerely,

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