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Veterans Health Administration  
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**SUBJECT: PERMIT AMENDMENT: SOUTHERN ARIZONA VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM,  
TUCSON, ARIZONA**

Dear Mr. McGuire:

This refers to your Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) June 12, 2007, letter regarding the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, located in Tucson, Arizona. In that letter, you requested NRC review and approve the release of the Building 32 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 Building 32 of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, located in Tucson, Arizona 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 26, 2008, related to the EA and FONSI.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). The NRC's document system is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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

Sincerely,

*William Snell*

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