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Subject: Docket No. 70-734; License No. SNM-696: Request to Release Certain Portions of General Atomics Facility to Unrestricted Use and Delete them from License SNM-696: Namely, GA's Building 30/31 – Phase IV and Building 30 – Phase V

References: 1) Asmussen, Keith E. (GA), letter No. CAL/696-3342 dated March 22, 2001, to Ms. Mary Adams (NRC) and Dr. Ron Rogus (State) "Request to Release Certain Portions of General Atomics' Facility to Unrestricted Use and Delete them from License: Namely Building 30-Phase V."

2) Asmussen, Keith E. (GA), letter No. CAL/696-3404 dated September 6, 2001 to Ms. Mary Adams (NRC) and Dr. Ron Rogus (State) "Request to Release Certain Portions of General Atomics' Facility to Unrestricted Use and Delete them from its License: Namely Building 30/31-Phase IV."

3) Rogus, Ronald, Ph.D. (State), letter dated July 10, 2008 to Ms. Charlotte Engstrom (GA), "General Atomics-Amendment 172; Release of Building 30/31 Phase IV Rooms, Building 30/31 Phase V Rooms, ..."

Dear Ms. Adams:

In 2001, General Atomics (GA) submitted to both the U.S. NRC (NRC) and the State of California DOHS Radiologic Health Branch (State) reports documenting the results of comprehensive final radiological surveys for two portions of GA's Building 30/31 complex. The survey results documented in these reports demonstrated that the two portions of the Building 30/31 complex, known as Phases VI and V, meet the NRC- and State-approved criteria for release to unrestricted use. Accordingly, these two submittals included requests for the NRC and the State to release Phases VI and V of GA's Building 30/31 complex, as described in the respective final survey reports, to unrestricted use and deleted them from GA's NRC special nuclear material license SNM-696 and its State radioactive materials license number 0145-37 (Refs. 1 and 2).

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Consistent with discussions between the NRC, State and GA during the April 2001 NRC/State/GA decommissioning coordination meeting, the State was designated as the lead agency for the release of Phases IV and V of GA's Building 30/31 complex. Accordingly, the NRC was obliged to wait for the State to take action before acting upon GA's request to the NRC to release Phases IV and V. Recently, i.e., on July 10, 2008, the State released Phases IV and V by amending GA's California radioactive materials license (Amendment No. 0145-37) (Ref. 3).

In view of the recent action taken by the State to release Phases IV and V (Ref. 3), GA wishes to repeat/re-new its requests to the NRC as previously stated in References 1 and 2. That is, GA once again requests the NRC to release to unrestricted use and delete from GA's license the Phase IV portion of GA's Building 30/31 complex as described in Reference 1 and the Phase V portion of GA's Building 30 as described in Reference 2.

It is noted that Phases IV and V represent the last two portions of GA's site that remain under GA's SNM license number SNM-696. If you have questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (858) 455-2823 or keith.asmussen@gat.com. Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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