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**SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ANN ARBOR,
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Dear Ms. Kulpanowski:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 26 amending your NRC Material License No. 21-16544-01 in accordance with your request dated November 24, 2008, requesting the NRC approve the release of the Research Vessel Shenehon located at 1431 Beach Street, Muskegon, Michigan for unrestricted use, and delete the facility from your license. Based on our review of the documentation you submitted in support of the request, we have determined that you have satisfactorily demonstrated that the Research Vessel Shenehon facility does not contain residual radiological contamination in excess of NRC release limits. As a result, the facility can be released for unrestricted use.

The NRC staff prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding your proposed amendment to release the Research Vessel Shenehon facility for unrestricted use. An announcement was made in the Federal Register dated February 19, 2009, related to the EA and FONSI.

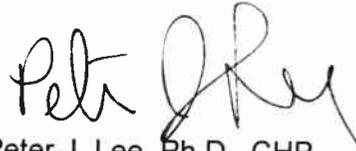
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Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If you have any questions regarding our review or this amendment, do not hesitate to contact me at (630) 829-9870.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Lee" clearly distinguishable.

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