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SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT

Please find enclosed Amendment No. 15 to NRC License No. 11-27380-01. This license amendment authorizes the U-235 fuel plate and a Pu-239 planchet source for use at the Idaho Accelerator Center, and other locations as requested for the purposes described in your letters dated March 18, 2008, August 14, 2008 and email dated March 6, 2008. Please note that License Condition 13 was added to your license to ensure the storage or use of special nuclear material at the authorized locations of use does not exceed the unity rule in 10 CFR 150.11 and as committed to in your letter dated August 14, 2008. Please reassess your financial assurance in accordance with 10 CFR 70.25, based on the U-235 fuel plate, and submit a Decommissioning Funding Plan as applicable.

An environmental assessment for this action is not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(v). You should review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any questions, please contact me at (817) 276-6552.

NRC's Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2005-31, provides criteria to identify security-related sensitive information and guidance for handling and marking of such documents. This ensures that potentially sensitive information is not made publicly available through ADAMS. The RIS may be located on the NRC Web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/sensitive-info/materials.html, then select "Withholding of Sensitive Information." Pursuant to NRC's RIS 2005-31, the enclosed materials license will not be made publicly available.

NRC expects licensees to conduct their programs with meticulous attention to detail and a high standard of compliance. Because of the serious consequences to employees and the public that can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, you must conduct your radiation safety program according to the conditions of your NRC license, representations made in your license application, and NRC regulations. In particular, note that you must:

- 1. Operate by NRC regulations 10 CFR Part 19, "Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers: Inspection and Investigations," 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," and other applicable regulations.
- 2. Notify NRC in writing of any change in mailing address.

- 3. Request and obtain a license amendment before you:
 - a. Change Radiation Safety Officers;
 - b. Order byproduct material in excess of the amount, radionuclide or form authorized on the license:
 - c. Add or change the areas or address(es) of use identified in the license application or on the license; or
 - d. Change the name or ownership of your organization.

NRC will periodically inspect your radiation safety program. Failure to conduct your program according to NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC may result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation; imposition of a civil penalty; or an order suspending, modifying, or revoking your license as specified in the NRC Enforcement Policy. The NRC Enforcement Policy is available on the following internet address: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/enforcement/.

The NRC no longer publishes the NRC Rules and Regulations loose leaf supplements. However, an electronic version of the NRC's regulations is available on the NRC Web site at www.nrc.gov. Additional information regarding use of radioactive materials may be obtained on the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/mat-toolkits.html. This site also provides the link to the toolbox for updated information on the revised regulations for naturally-occurring and accelerator-produced radioactive materials (NARM).

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated