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**SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE INITIAL VOC & RADIOLOGICAL  
SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION WORKPLAN FOR GREATER LOS ANGELES  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

Dear Mr. McGuire:

This amendment refers to your Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) October 22, 2008 letter (DVA #598/115HP/NLR) (ML083020251), regarding the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System workplan regarding an investigation of the former waste burial site. In that letter you requested the NRC to review and approve the workplan entitled, "Initial VOC & Radiological Subsurface Investigation Work plan," to allow a surface and subsurface investigation to assist in evaluating the potential health risks from the former burial site.

Based on our review of the documentation you submitted in support of the October 22, 2008 request, and in conjunction with clarifying information you provided via e-mail dated March 4, 2009 (ML090970853), we have determined that the workplan is acceptable. Because Item 25 of the Letter of Understanding (LOU) between the NRC and the DVA states that "the DVA will seek NRC approval for any change of status of this burial site," we have amended your Material License No. 03-23853-01VA to reflect the approval of the workplan. Specifically, License Condition No. 19.D of the MML has been added to include the October 22, 2008 submittal and the March 4, 2009 e-mail. Please note that the major changes made to your license are printed in bold font.

In addition, please provide a copy of the Allwest Geoscience final report regarding the former waste burial site at VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System.

The NRC staff has determined that an environmental assessment for this action is not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(v).

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

Sincerely,



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