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Mark Roberts
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Docket No.: 030-04530
License No.: 19-00915-03

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The USDA buried low-level radioactive waste at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Maryland, between 1949 and 1987 in accordance with Atomic Energy Commission and Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations applicable at the time. This site is on the list of U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) radioactive waste burial sites previously reported to you as requiring decommissioning. In my letter to you dated June 29, 2009, USDA withdrew our revised decommissioning plan previously submitted to NRC because it did not address groundwater monitoring near the site.

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 30.36 and Condition 29 of NRC License Number 19-00915-03, I am submitting the revised plan to decommission the low-level radioactive waste burial site at the Agricultural Research Service's Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Maryland. The enclosed plan was revised to include new information on groundwater monitoring.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me on 301-504-2441.

Sincerely,

John T. Jensen
Director

Enclosure

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This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application dated

8/20/09, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

Amendment (19-00915-03) There were no administrative omissions. Your application was assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card

A copy of your action has been forwarded to our License Fee & Accounts Receivable Branch, who will contact you separately if there is a fee issue involved.

Your action has been assigned **Mail Control Number** 144081.
When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number.
You may call us on (610) 337-5398, or 337-5260.

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Sincerely,
Licensing Assistance Team Leader