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U.S. Geological Survey
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SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT

Please find enclosed Amendment No. 70 to NRC License No. 05-01399-08 **changing the Radiation Safety Officers, as requested.**

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/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2005/. Additionally, the link for frequently asked questions may be located at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/sensitive-info/materials.html. Pursuant to NRC's RIS 2005-31, the enclosed materials license will not be made publicly available.

Please note that 10 CFR 30.34, Terms and conditions of licenses, was revised to enhance the security requirements for portable gauges containing byproduct material. This revision became effective July 11, 2005. Revised 10 CFR 30.34 now requires that "each portable gauge licensee shall use a minimum of two independent physical controls that form tangible barriers to secure portable gauges from unauthorized removal, whenever portable gauges are not under the control and constant surveillance of the licensee" (i.e., when not in use). Guidance on these security procedures is provided in the errata sheet for Appendix H of NUREG-1556, Volume 1, Revision 1 which may be located at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/v1/r1/**.**

Please remember that you have to notify the NRC if you ever possess quantities of radioactive materials requiring issuance of an NRC order for increased controls. Your response dated December 5, 2005, stated that you are currently not in possession of such amounts.

An environmental assessment for this action is not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(viii). You should review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or if you have any questions, contact me at 817-860-8132.

In addition, please note that NRC Form 313 requires the applicant, by signature, to verify that the applicant understands that all statements contained in the application are true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge. The signatory for the application should be the licensee or certifying official rather than a consultant. Since the NRC also accepts a letter requesting amendment of an NRC license, the signatory for such a request should also be the licensee or certifying official rather than a consultant.

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/.

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 and its enclosure 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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Enclosures: As stated