

## TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

LICENSEE: Department of Veterans Affairs  
North Little Rock, Arkansas  
License No. 03-23853-01VA  
Docket No. 030-34325

DATE OF CALL: March 30 and 31, 2010

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, NEW  
ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FOR UNRESTRICTED USE.

On the above dates, Department of Veteran Affairs, National Health Physics Program (NHPP), the licensee, was contacted to discuss the request for the release of Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, New Orleans, Louisiana, for unrestricted use dated August 13, 2009 (ML092300405). During the call, the NRC stated they have begun their review but need the additional information discussed below to continue.

The following questions were discussed during the call:

1. Provide a list of AEC and NRC licenses that were reviewed as described on page 2 of the historical site assessment.
2. Page 3 of the historical site assessment states there are records available showing a total of 15 Pu-238 pacemakers tracked and subsequently explanted and returned to the manufacturer and the license was amended to remove Pu-238. Since this license was prior to the Department of Veteran Affairs Master Material License, provide a copy of the Pu-238 pacemakers' license.
3. Page 2 of the historical site assessment states sink disposals were allowed for soluble liquid radioactive wastes. If long-lived radioactive material (i.e. half life greater than 120 days) was disposed of by sanitary sewer disposal, describe any on-site hold up systems or tanks in the sanitary path of the disposals. If on-site hold up systems or tanks are identified, provide types and quantities of radioactive material disposals or provide survey information to demonstrate the system and/or tanks meets unrestricted release criteria.

The licensee agreed to respond to the above request for information in 30 to 60 days.

End of conversation record.