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Phone:	630-829-9621	Date:	January 8, 2010
Re:	VA Gainesville—Decommissioning Request	cc:	

**Comments:**

See attached.

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*Thomas E. Austin*  
 1/8/2010

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In Reply Refer To: 598/115HP/NLR

**Sent by fax to:**

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Reference: NRC License 03-23853-01VA

Dear Ms. Streit:

In a letter dated October 29, 2009, we requested release for unrestricted use of Building 26 at VA North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Gainesville, Florida. In Enclosure 3 of that letter, we referenced use of release criteria based on NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 2, Table R.3. Based on further review, instead of those criteria, we request that the release be evaluated using release criteria in NUREG-1556, Volume 7, Table Q.3. These criteria are consistent with values in NUREG-1757, Volume 1, Table B.1 as well as Federal Register Vol. 63, No. 222 (November 18, 1998).

As additional information, we are enclosing a similar request we received January 8, 2010, from the Radiation Safety Officer for VA North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Gainesville, Florida.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Thomas E. Huston, Ph.D., VHA National Health Physics Program, at (501) 257-1578.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary E. Williams".

Gary E. Williams  
Interim Director, National Health Physics Program

Enclosure



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TO <i>Dr. Tom Huston</i>	FAX NUMBER <i>501-257-1570</i>	DATE <i>1-8-2010</i>	NO. PAGES <i>2</i>
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To: VHA National Health Physics Program

In Reply Refer To:

From: Shailendra Shukla, Ph.D., Radiation Safety Officer  
North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System  
VHA Permit Number 09-12467-02

Date: January 8, 2009

On September 1, 2009, we requested release of our waste shed (Bldg. 26) for unrestricted use. In an email dated October 5, 2009, we responded that we were using release criteria in NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Table R.3. In lieu of those criteria, we would like to request that release criteria in NUREG-1556, Volume 7, Table Q.3 be applied for release of the waste shed (Bldg. 26). These latter criteria are more appropriate for decommissioning of buildings and are consistent with NUREG-1757, Volume 1, Appendix B, Table B.1. We also note that the level of residual activity remaining in the area is very low (ALARA) compared to these latter criteria.

Signed: Shailendra Shukla  
Shailendra Shukla, Ph.D.  
Radiation Safety Officer