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Subject: Letter from Colonel Judith Robinson, Commander, USAG @ Ft. Detrick, approving NIH's proposal to use licensed materials while temporarily unable to sample the blending tank, under the precautionary conditions described in request dated 9/15/2010.

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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November 1, 2010

Office of the Commander

Mr. Douglas Carter
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Dear Mr. Carter:

This letter is in response to your e-mail request for a temporary exemption from certain effluent sampling at your new facility on Fort Detrick.

Your request is approved with the following requirements/conditions:

- a. All safeguards listed on your NRC request for the exemption must be in place before any experiments start and any radiological isotope is used.
- b. The NIH will be financially liable for contamination caused by their operations. This includes disposal of all wastewater sludge to a low level radiation burial site and decontamination of Fort Detrick's Sanitary Wastewater Collection System/Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- c. All spill incidents into the wastewater collection system must be reported immediately to the Fort Detrick Installation Safety Office and the Environmental Management Office.
- d. Lab safety procedures must be provided to the Fort Detrick Installation Safety Office before the operations begin.

Please feel free to contact Mr. David Hudlow at 301-619-3922 or david.hudlow@us.army.mil if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Judith D. Robinson
Colonel, US Army
Commander