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December 21, 2010

Steven Courtemanche **Licensing Assistance Section US Nuclear Regulatory Commission** Region 1 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

SUBJECT:

LICENSE NO. 06-28624-01

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NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO PERMANENTLY CEASE LICENSED ACTIVITIES AT THE

ENTIRE SITE

Dear Mr. Courtemanche:

This letter will serve as notification that the Monsanto site in Mystic Connecticut, NRC License No. 06-28624-01 has permanently ceased licensed activities at the entire site, and will seek termination of the license. The final decision to cease licensed activities was taken on November 18, 2010 resulting from the availability of effective non radiation-based technologies and a re-alignment of our site's research objectives.

Monsanto has contracted with a specialized consulting firm to conduct a final status survey and assist in preparing the dossier to be submitted to NRC in support of our license termination request. Survey results are expected to be available by approximately February 1, 2011. These survey results and other supporting material will be provided to NRC as soon as possible thereafter.

We have been in contact with Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Air Bureau, Radiation Division regarding our plans to cease licensed activities. Mike Firsick from the Agency will visit our site on February 10, 2011 to review our final status survey results; and members of his staff will be on site February 16 and 17 to carry out confirmatory surveys.

Please contact me at (860) 572-5246; or David Miller at (860) 572-5255 for any further information.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Bonin, Ph.D., Radiation Safety Officer

Steven E. Reiser, Ph.D., Site Lead

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David P. Miller, ES&H

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter application dated	
includes an administrative review ha	nd to inform you that the initial processing which as been performed.
Notification (66-28624-01) 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 57445. When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number. You may call us on (610) 337-5398, or 337-5260.	
NRC FORM 532 (RI) (6-96)	Sincerely, Licensing Assistance Team Leader

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