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Moffett Field, CA 94035-1000



April 26, 2011

Reply to Attn of: QH: 237-14

Roberto J. Torres, Senior Health Physicist
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Dear Mr. Torres:

The purpose of this letter is to address the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's rules for financial assurance for decommissioning applicable to NRC licenses pursuant to 10 CFR 30, 40, and 70 as they apply to NASA Ames Research Center.

NASA Ames Research Center's byproduct material license #04-07845-04 authorizes possession of radioisotopes that places the Center into the \$1,125,000.00 decommissioning funding financial assurance category. At NASA Ames Research Center we control and monitor the use of radioactive materials in a manner that would be expected to assure no significant decommissioning will be warranted. However, we also understand that a catastrophic event or facility closure could result in the need for unforeseen decommissioning expenditures.

I would like to assure you that the NASA funding organizations are fully aware of the obligation for decommissioning of Ames Research Center facilities and of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission financial assurance category applicable to Ames Research Center.

As the Center Director, I am authorized to commit the necessary funding, and assure that decommissioning funding to \$1,125,000.00 will, if necessary, be requested sufficiently in advance to prevent delay in the required decommissioning activities.

Please feel free to direct any questions regarding this letter to Patrick Muldoon, NASA Ames Research Center's Radiation Safety Officer at (650) 604-3979.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Pete Worden", written over a horizontal line.

S. Pete Worden
Center Director

cc:
D:200-2/Chuck Duff, Deputy Director (Acting)
C:200-8/Paul Agnew, Chief Financial Officer

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DATE

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application dated 4/26/11, and to inform you that the initial processing, which includes an administrative review, has been performed.

There were no administrative omissions. Your application will be assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify other omissions or require additional information.

Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card:

The action you requested is normally processed within 90 days.

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** 575123.
When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this mail control number.
You may call me at (817) 860-8103.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Hice
Licensing Assistant

BETWEEN:

Accounts Receivable/Payable
and
Regional Licensing Branches

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INFORMATION FROM LTS

Program Code: 03610
Status Code: Pending Amendment
Fee Category: 3E 3L
Exp. Date:
Fee Comments:
Decom Fin Assur Reqd: Y

License Fee Worksheet - License Fee Transmittal

A. REGION

1. APPLICATION ATTACHED

Applicant/Licensee: NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE ADM.
Received Date: 05/06/2011
Docket Number: 3020435
Mail Control Number: 575123
License Number: 04-07845-04
Action Type: FIN Assurance

2. FEE ATTACHED

Amount: _____

Check No.: _____

3. COMMENTS

Signed: Colleen Murnahan

Date: 5-12-2011

B. LICENSE FEE MANAGEMENT BRANCH (Check when milestone 03 is entered / /)

1. Fee Category and Amount: _____

2. Correct Fee Paid. Application may be processed for:

Amendment: _____

Renewal: _____

License: _____

3. OTHER _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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