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November 29, 2011

Dear Ms. Bladey:

DOCKET ID NRC-2011-0146: COMMENTS TO DRAFT NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2011-XX; NRC REGULATION OF MILITARY OPERATIONAL RADIUM-226.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) supports the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) efforts specified in the draft Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) and the proposed NRC Radium Implementation Plan found in the Federal Register Vol. 76, No. 131, July 8, 2011.

CDPH shares the common goal with NRC of providing for the adequate protection of public health and safety through independent NRC oversight at federal sites. CDPH believes that the coordination of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) remediation process with NRC decommissioning requirements would better protect public health and the environment. In addition, CDPH believes that the identification of the specific responsibilities of the NRC, the Air Force, and the Navy under each Master Materials License would help avoid unnecessary dual regulation.

CDPH is interested in participating with the NRC in the development of the radium implementation plan, and is hopeful that recent lessons learned at California sites currently undergoing decommissioning can be taken into account in the course of developing the radium implementation plan.

Sincerely,

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