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SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT

Please find enclosed Amendment Number 25 to NRC License Number 40-02331-19 **adding sources to your license as requested in your letter dated June 12, 2012. Additionally, the ²³²Thorium-containing welding rod is exempt per 10 CFR 40.13.** An environmental assessment for this licensing action is not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(v). You should review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. You can contact me at 817-200-1127 if you have any questions about this license.

NRC expects licensees to conduct their programs with meticulous attention to detail and a high standard of compliance. Because of the serious consequences to employees and the public that can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, you must conduct your radiation safety program according to the conditions of your NRC license, representations made in your license application, and NRC regulations. In particular, note that you must:

1. Operate by NRC regulations 10 CFR Part 19, "Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers: Inspection and Investigations," 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," and other applicable regulations.
2. Notify NRC in writing of any change in mailing address.
3. By 10 CFR 30.36(d) and/or license condition, notify NRC, promptly, in writing, and request termination of the license:
 - a. When you decide to terminate all activities involving materials authorized under the license whether at the entire site or any separate building or outdoor area;
 - b. If you decide not to acquire or possess and use authorized material; or
 - c. When no principal activities under the license have been conducted for a period of 24 months.
4. Request and obtain a license amendment before you:
 - a. Change Radiation Safety Officers;
 - b. Order byproduct material in excess of the amount, radionuclide or form authorized on the license;
 - c. Add or change the areas or address(es) of use identified in the license application or on the license; or

- d. Change the name or ownership of your organization.
5. Submit a complete renewal application or termination request at least 30 days before the expiration date on your license. You will receive a reminder notice approximately 90 days before the expiration date. Possession of radioactive material after your license expires is a violation of NRC regulations.

NRC will periodically inspect your radiation safety program. Failure to conduct your program according to NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC may result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation; imposition of a civil penalty; or an order suspending, modifying, or revoking your license as specified in the NRC Enforcement Policy. The NRC Enforcement Policy is available on the following internet address: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>.

The NRC published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 34773; June 14, 2011), its policy statement on safety culture. This policy statement sets forth agency expectations that individuals and organizations involved in NRC-regulated activities establish and maintain a positive safety culture proportionate to the safety and security significance of their activities and the nature and complexity of their organizations. Additionally, the NRC has developed a brochure (NUREG/BR-0500, "Safety Culture Policy Statement," issued June 2011) and a Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-01 dated January 17, 2012 (ML112940226) that are intended to aid stakeholders in understanding the safety culture traits. The policy statement, including relevant background documents, *Federal Register* notices, meeting notices, and presentations made at public meetings, can be accessed on the NRC's safety culture Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>. The Web site also includes the safety culture brochure and tools (e.g., case studies) that support the policy statement. Spanish versions of the safety culture policy statement and the safety culture brochure are available on the Web site.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated