

September 18, 2012

Mr. Gary Williams, Director
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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LETTER REQUESTING AMENDMENT TO THE
LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated July 23, 2012, in which you requested an amendment to the Letter of Understanding (LOU) between the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In that letter you attached a draft LOU dated February 22, 2012.

Currently, the NRC is in the process of revising and updating Volume 10 to NUREG-1556 entitled "Consolidated Guidance About Master Materials Licenses." A major component of that revision will include development of a LOU template. The template will be generic in nature and will include recommended conditions that should be considered for incorporation into all LOU's.

In addition, because LOU's are a significant component of a Master Materials License that require a mutual agreement between the licensee and the NRC, your proposed amendment will need to be reviewed and concurred on by several offices of the NRC.

The Region III office will coordinate an agency review of your draft LOU that will include utilization of the revised guidance in NUREG-1556, Volume 10 and the LOU template, as well as input from other NRC offices. We will contact you when we have completed our review.

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If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Null of my staff at 630-829-9854.

Sincerely,

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