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Dear Mr. Lampi:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 57 amending your NRC Material License No. 21-03076-01 in accordance with your request. Please note that the changes made to your license are printed in **bold font**.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

As we discussed by telephone on June 18, 2013, since Mr. Laakso has not been approved as a trustworthy and reliable individual in accordance with Order EA 05-090 (Increased Controls Order) and EA-07-305 (Fingerprint Order), we have amended the license to add Mr. Laakso as the RSO for the materials only in Items 6.A. and 6.B. at this time. Mr. Lampi will remain the RSO for the materials in 6.C. through 6.H. When Mr. Laakso is approved as a trustworthy and reliable individual in accordance with Order EA 05-090 (Increased Controls Order) and EA-07-305 (Fingerprint Order), please submit an amendment to have Mr. Laakso added as the RSO for the materials in 6.C. through 6.H. Also note, we have updated item D., in License Condition 13 (leak test condition).

You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation, or imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license as specified in the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions. Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which NRC expects of its licensees.

The NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement became effective in June 2011. While a policy statement and not a regulation, it sets forth the agency's *expectations* for individuals and organizations to establish and maintain a positive safety culture. You can access the policy statement and supporting material that may benefit your organization on NRC's safety culture Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>. We strongly encourage you to review this material and adapt it to your particular needs in order to develop and maintain a positive safety culture as you engage in NRC-regulated activities.

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Sincerely,



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Materials Licensing Branch

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