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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING PLAN

SUBMITTAL

Dear Mr. Melendez:

This letter concerns the Decommissioning Funding Plan (DFP) that is used by your organization to determine the amount of financial assurance necessary to fund decommissioning activities. A review of our records indicates that a reevaluation of your DFP was last submitted to the NRC on February 17, 2012, and your license expires March 31, 2014. The regulations in 10 CFR 30.35(e)(2) requires that licensees reevaluate their DFP at the time of license renewal and at intervals not exceeding three years. The reevaluation must be submitted to the NRC for review. If you determine that you want to adjust the financial assurance instrument downward, based on the DFP, the NRC must approve the DFP before the adjustment can be made. This letter serves as notice of the above requirements so that you may have adequate time to complete the reevaluation and submit it to the NRC in a timely manner. Your DFP also includes evaluations for License Nos. 29-00046-02 and SUB-348 which are not due to be reevaluated until March 17, 2015. You may reevaluate these licenses at this time or reference the amount of financial assurance as determined by your February 17, 2012, evaluation in your total for the three licenses.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Steve Courtemanche

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