



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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William J. Sichko, Jr.  
Vice President and Secretary  
PQ Corporation  
P.O. Box 840  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0840

Dear Mr. Sichko:

Thank you for your letter dated October 20, 2014, informing us about the impending change in a new minority owner within the parent holding company of PQ Corporation. This matter was discussed by your attorney, Mr. Varun Shekhar, and Mr. Bryan Parker of my staff by telephone and e-mail on several occasions on and after November 25, 2014. Based on those conversations and our review of this matter, including consultation from our Office of General Counsel, we have concluded that this business transaction will not result in a change of control of PQ Corporation.

If our understanding of this matter is not correct or if the circumstances change such that a change of control may be involved, please contact us as soon as possible so we may revisit it.

In accordance with *Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations* Section 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 Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia J. Pelke".

Patricia J. Pelke, Chief  
Materials Licensing Branch

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13-32825-01  
Docket Nos.: 030-38381  
030-38447

cc: V. Shekhar