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**Daniel Collins
Director, DNMS
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission-Region I
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Dear Mr. Collins,

Enclosed is the final radiation survey report performed by The Catholic University of America to support release of the referenced laboratory rooms in Maloney Hall on the CUA campus. The surveys were based on MARSSIM approach and used a Derived Concentration Guideline level (DCGL) of 880 dpm/100cm² for natural thorium.

This survey report is being submitted to enable NRC to evaluate the survey methodology and the calculated DCGL used in the survey in order to determine if the DCGL is acceptable as described to justify release of the labs for unrestricted use. It is important that the survey report be evaluated and any concerns identified as soon as possible, and in order to support the anticipated remodeling work of these labs which could occur as early as December 2015.

Please note that in room 213 only sealed sources were utilized (C0-57, Sn-119m and Sm-151) in conjunction with Mossbauer studies and the operation ceased back in 2012 in which the RSO took custody of the sources. In rooms 4 and 7 only depleted uranium was used in small quantities (few milligrams) in water in which the researcher was trying to mimic the level of uranium in sea water. The operation ceased in 2014 when the University terminated the use of building due to general safety related issues. The building will be remodeled and refurbished as offices and classes.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 202-319-5500 and email conradj@cua.edu or the Radiation Safety Officer, Mr. Mahmoud S. Haleem at 202-319-5206 and email Haleem@cua.edu.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jerry Conrad
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Cc: Mr. Louis P. Alar, Director, Environmental Health & Safety
Mr. Mahmoud S. Haleem, Radiation Safety Officer
Dr. Aaron Barkatt, Chair, Radiation Safety Committee

Enclosure: Electronic Copy of the report