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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT: AMENDMENT 2 – UPDATED ROSTER OF UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

I. INTRODUCTION

By letter dated February 27, 2015, as supplemented by a letter dated May 29, 2015, and an e-mail dated June 5, 2015, Idaho State University submitted changes to Attachments I and IV of its application. Specifically, Attachment I was changed to provide an updated roster of university officials. Attachment IV was changed to allow an Assistant Reactor Administrator to meet the qualification requirements formerly imposed on the Reactor Administrator only.

II. DISCUSSION

The regulation in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Paragraph 70.23(a) states that an application for a license will be approved if the Commission determines, in part, that the applicant is qualified by reason of training and experience to use licensed material for the purpose requested. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed the training and experience of the new officials against the minimum qualification requirements in Attachment IV of the application and finds them acceptable. Specifically, the NRC staff makes the following findings:

- A. The Responsible University Officer is required to have an advanced degree and 5 years of management experience. The new Vice President for Research is Dr. Cornelis Van Der Schyf. Dr. Van Der Schyf has advanced degrees in organic medicinal chemistry and over 15 years management experience at universities in South Africa and the United States. Therefore, the staff finds the qualifications of the new Vice President of Research to be acceptable.
- B. The Reactor Administrator and/or the Assistant Reactor Administrator is required to have an advanced degree and 2 years of experience in nuclear reactor operations. The Assistant Reactor Administrator is Dr. George Imel. Dr. Imel has an advanced degree in nuclear engineering and over 27 years of experience in reactor operations in France and the United States. Therefore, the staff finds the qualifications of the Assistant Reactor Administrator to be acceptable.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

A proposed action is excluded from an environmental review under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(v) if it is an amendment to a license issued pursuant to 10 CFR Part 70 authorizing the use of radioactive materials for research and development and for educational purposes. The changes to Attachments I and IV of the application meet this requirement.

The NRC staff determined that the proposed action does not adversely impact public health and safety or the environment, and is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare a site-specific environmental assessment. Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(v), neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is warranted for this action.

IV. CONCLUSION

As stated above, the NRC staff finds that the new university personnel are qualified by reason of training and experience to use licensed material for the education, research, and training activities authorized by the license.

V. PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTORS

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