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**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, LICENSE AMENDMENT, RESPONSE TO
ALTERNATE SCHEDULE REQUEST AND LICENSE AMENDMENT, CONTROL
NO. 581663**

Dear Admiral Slates:

This letter is in response to the Department of the Navy's (Navy) request, in letter dated August 9, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML13249A303) and subsequent letters dated July 17, 2014, October 20, 2014, and February 26, 2015 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML14219A376, ML14303A488, and ML15097A193, respectively) that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approve a delay in initiating decommissioning activities, a delay in the time frame for submitting a decommissioning plan (DP), and a delay in completion of decommissioning activities for the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, California. The Navy has requested an alternate schedule that would allow for decommissioning activities to be completed by March 31, 2028, at the NPS.

In NRC's letter dated January 14, 2014 (ML14028A533), we acknowledged receipt of your request and informed you that we were commencing our technical review. On March 17, 2014, the NRC published information concerning your request in the Federal Register [Vol. 78, No. 51, pp 14751-14753]. The NRC staff has completed a technical review of your request, and finds, pursuant to 10 CFR 30.36(d), 30.36 (f), and 30.36 (g)(2), that the alternate schedules proposed by the Navy for a delay in initiating decommissioning activities, a delay in the time frame for submitting a DP, and a delay in completion of decommissioning activities at the NPS is warranted.

Enclosed with this letter are your amended license and the related Technical Evaluation Report associated with our review supporting approval of your request. The NRC staff has concluded that this request for an alternate schedule for initiation of decommissioning meets the criteria of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(v) for a categorical exclusion. Therefore, because this action does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment, no further environmental review is required.

Please review the enclosed documents carefully and be sure that you understand and fully implement all the conditions incorporated into the amended license. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I Office, Licensing Assistance Team, (610) 337-5239, so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers. Current NRC regulations and guidance are included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov; select **Nuclear Materials; Med, Ind, & Academic Uses**; then **Licensee Toolkits, see our toolkit index page**. You may also obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-866-512-1800. The GPO is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

If you have any questions concerning this letter, feel free to contact Orysia Masnyk Bailey, of my staff, at (864) 427-1032 or Orysia.MasnykBailey@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Marc S. Ferdas

Marc S. Ferdas, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 31
2. Technical Evaluation Report

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