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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR
THE PROPOSED SHINE MEDICAL RADIOISOTOPE PRODUCTION FACILITY

Dear Mr. Melius and Mr. Fasbender:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed the enclosed final NUREG-2183, "Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction Permit for the SHINE Radioisotope Production Facility, Final Report" (final EIS), regarding the construction permit application for the SHINE Medical Technologies, Inc. (SHINE) Radioisotope Production Facility (SHINE facility) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). With this letter, I am forwarding you a copy of the final EIS.

As part of its NEPA review, the NRC considered effects to species and habitats protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The NRC staff determined that the proposed license renewal would have no effect on any proposed, candidate, threatened, or endangered species or designated critical habitat. The staff documented its supporting analysis in Sections 3.5, 4.5, and Appendix D of the EIS. In a letter dated May 13, 2015, the NRC submitted a copy of the draft EIS to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its review. The Department of Interior stated that it had no comments on the SHINE draft EIS in a letter dated July 6, 2015. In preparing the final EIS, the NRC staff did not identify any new information that would change the staff's findings of "no effect" or that would otherwise require initiation of section 7 consultation. Accordingly, the NRC considers its obligations under ESA section 7 for the construction permit for the proposed SHINE facility to be fulfilled.

T. Melius and P. Fasbender

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I look forward to future coordination with your offices to ensure the continued protection of Federally listed species and designated critical habitats at the proposed SHINE facility and NRC-licensed operating nuclear plants in your respective regions. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Michelle Moser, Biologist, at 301-415-6509 or by e-mail at Michelle.Moser@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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