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**SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT, RESPONSE TO ALTERNATE SCHEDULE REQUEST
AND LICENSE AMENDMENT, CONTROL NO. 581662**

Dear Admiral Morton:

This letter is in response to the Department of the Navy's (Navy) request, in letter dated August 7, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML13249A300) and subsequent letters dated July 17, 2014, October 20, 2014, and April 10, 2015 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML14219A376, ML14303A519, and ML15244B307, 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 Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific (SPAWARS) in San Diego, California. The Navy has requested an alternate schedule that would allow for decommissioning activities to be completed by March 30, 2028, at the SPAWARS.

In NRC's letter dated January 14, 2014 (ML14028A515), we acknowledged receipt of your request and informed you that we were commencing our technical review. On March 18, 2014, the NRC published information concerning your request in the Federal Register (79 FR 15159). The NRC staff has completed a technical review of your request and finds, pursuant to 10 CFR 30.36(f), 30.36(g)(2), and 30.36(i), 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 SPAWARS is warranted.

With respect to its compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NRC staff has concluded that its approvals of your requests for an alternate schedule for initiation of decommissioning, a delay in the time frame for submitting a DP, and a delay in completion of decommissioning activities at SPAWARS meet the criteria of the 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(iv)-(viii) and (x) categorical exclusions. Thus, no further environmental review by the NRC is necessary and there is no need for the NRC to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

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Enclosed with this letter are your amended license and the related Technical Evaluation Report associated with our review supporting approval of your request. 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

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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 32
2. Technical Evaluation Report

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