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Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 12 to your NRC Material License No. 03-23853-01VA in accordance with your request. Please note that the major changes made to your license are printed in **bold** font in license condition 18. Please forward us a copy of VHA Directive 1105 for our records.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

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Sincerely,

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