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January 28, 2016

Director  
Office of International Programs  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: Reply to a Notice of Violation (EA-15-219)

This letter is the required response to the letter from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated January 14, 2016 regarding the notice of violation issued to Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies (TPIMS).

The reason for the notice of violation is because TPIMS failed to submit a complete notification to the NRC in advance of and export shipment as required by NRC regulations. On June 16, 2015 TPIMS notified the NRC of an export shipment. The next day (June 17) TPIMS was notified by the NRC to submit the importer's material possession license for this shipment. The following day (June 18) TPIMS submitted the importer's license to the NRC as required. This completed the notification of the export shipment and full compliance was achieved on June 18, 2015.

The export shipment was carried out using the NRC export license number PXB191.00 for a one-time shipment of sealed sources from a blood irradiator that were being returned to the manufacturer in Canada for disposition. This export license expired on September 30, 2015.

Please contact me at 858-597-3847 or [jonappel@tpims.org](mailto:jonappel@tpims.org) if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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