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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Materials Security and Industrial Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I
2100 Renaissance Blvd. Suite 100
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

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Re: Request for Amendment due to Name Change
Ashland Inc.
100 Big Sandy River Road
Kenova, West Virginia
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Materials License No. 47-31073-01
Docket Number: 030-36992
Reference Number: 16-24948-01
Via Fed-Ex

Dear Mr. Reichard,

In September 2015, Ashland Inc. announced a plan to separate into two independent, publicly traded companies – one focused on specialty chemicals and the other focused on high-performance lubricants (<http://investor.ashland.com/releases.cfm>). The new Ashland will be a global leader in providing specialty chemical solutions to customers in a wide range of consumer and industrial markets. Valvoline will focus on building the world's leading engine and automotive maintenance business by providing hands-on expertise to customers in each of its primary markets. Our goal is to make the transition successful and seamless.

As part of this separation, Ashland Inc. will undergo changes to the legal structure. This letter serves as notification to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC”) of upcoming changes in the legal structure of Ashland Inc., whereby Ashland Inc. will be converted into an LLC. The actual date of this conversion is not yet determined due to external factors, but we are submitting this notification to ensure that the 30 day notification requirement is met. Please note there will be no changes to Ashland Inc.’s operations, address or tax identification number.

Ashland Inc. currently operates under the Materials License number 47-31073-01 for the Ashland Inc. facility in Kenova, West Virginia. Ashland Inc. requests that the NRC, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, amend the said Materials License to change the legal name to Ashland LLC after the conversion.

The Ashland separation and restructuring will have no effect on the ownership of the company, or its assets and liabilities in any way that would influence the permit.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (614) 790-4641 or klong@ashland.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara Long". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kara Long
Corporate Environmental Engineer
Ashland Inc.

cc: Tyler Morgan, Ashland Inc.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Name and Address of Applicant and/or Licensee

Ashland, Inc.
100 Big Sandy River Road
Kenova, WV 25530

Date

8/23/2016

License Number(s)

47-31073-01

Mail Control Number(s)

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Licensing and/or Technical Reviewer or Branch

Comm, Industrial, R&D, and Academic Branch

This is to acknowledge receipt of your: Letter and/or Application Dated: 08/17/2016

The initial processing, which included an administrative review, has been performed.

Amendment Termination New License Renewal

There were no administrative omissions identified during our initial review.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your application for renewal of the material(s) license identified above. Your application is deemed timely filed, and accordingly, the license will not expire until final action has been taken by this office.

Your application for a new NRC license did not include your taxpayer identification number. Please complete and submit NRC Form 531, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number, located at the following link: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/forms/nrc531.pdf>
Follow the instructions on the form for submission.

The following administrative omissions have been identified:

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Your application has been assigned the above listed MAIL CONTROL NUMBER. When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number. Your application has been forwarded to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review, which is normally completed within 180 days for a renewal application (90 days for all other requests), may identify additional omissions or require additional information. If you have any questions concerning the processing of your application, our contact information is listed below:

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