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SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, LICENSE AMENDMENT, MAIL CONTROL NO.  
594445

Dear Dr. Tubman:

This refers to your license amendment request dated March 30, 2017. Please find enclosed Amendment No. 4 authorizing the possession and use of thorium-230 plated sources.

An environmental assessment for this action was not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14).

Please review the enclosed document 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 contact me at 610-337-5366 or via electronic mail at [dennis.lawyer@nrc.gov](mailto:dennis.lawyer@nrc.gov) so that appropriate corrections or answers can be provided.

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An electronic version of the NRC's regulations is available on the NRC Web Site at: [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov). Additional information regarding use of radioactive materials may be obtained on the NRC Web Site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/mat-toolkits.html>. This site also provides the link to the toolbox for updated information on the revised regulations for naturally-occurring and accelerator-produced radioactive materials (NARM).

The NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement became effective in June 2011. While a policy statement and not a regulation, it sets forth the agency's *expectations* for individuals and organizations to establish and maintain a positive safety culture. You can access the policy statement and supporting material that may benefit your organization on NRC's safety culture Web Site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/safety-culture.html>. We strongly encourage you to review this material and adapt it to your particular needs in order to develop and maintain a positive safety culture as you engage in NRC-regulated activities.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Leanne M. Wright, Assistant Director, Environmental Health & Safety

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