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Subject: Availability of the NRC's Final EIS for the Northwest Medical Isotope Production Facility

Ms. Amy Salveter,

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed NUREG-2209, "Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction Permit for the Northwest Medical Isotopes Radioisotope Production Facility, Final Report" in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is available at the following location: <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr2209/>.

As described in Section 4.5.4 of the EIS, the NRC staff concluded that no threatened, endangered, candidate, or proposed species, or designated critical habitat occur in the action area, and therefore, the proposed action would have "no effect" on species or habitats protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Although a Federal agency may request written concurrence from the Services for a "no effect" determination, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is not required to provide its concurrence with a "no effect" determination. Following this best practice, the NRC staff submitted a copy of the draft EIS to the FWS for its review in a letter dated November 1, 2016. In response, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance stated that the DOI has no comments on the draft EIS. The NRC staff did not identify any information since issuance of the draft EIS that would have changed its "no effect" finding. Accordingly, the NRC has fulfilled its obligations under ESA section 7 for the review of NWMI's construction permit.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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