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SUBJECT: QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR RADIOACTIVE
MATERIAL PACKAGES NO. 0170, REVISION 12

Dear Mr. Feyrer:

Enclosed is the Quality Assurance Program (QAP) Approval for Radioactive Material Packages No. 0170 Revision No. 12, in response to your letter dated March 20, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17081A223), for your QAP-1, Revision 12, Dated March 15, 2017. This Approval satisfies the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 71.17(b) and 71.101(c) for a QAP approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

Please refer to previous NRC correspondence dated August 13, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15225A581) informing you that 10 CFR 71.38 has been amended to remove the requirements for renewal of QAP Approvals, and that 10 CFR 71.106 was added to establish requirements that will apply to changes to QAPs.

The new regulations in 10 CFR 71.106 requires QAP Approval holders to receive NRC Approval before implementing changes to their QAP that will reduce their commitments to the NRC. In addition, changes to your QAP that do not reduce commitments must be submitted to the NRC every 24-months, with the reporting period starting on the date your revised Form 311 was approved. Please note that if you did not make any changes to your QAP in the preceding 24-month period, you are required to report that no changes were made. If you wish to amend your QAP Approval and have determined it reduces commitments, or terminate this Approval, please request it in writing.

Further background information regarding these changes is contained in the Federal Register Notice associated with this rulemaking, which can be found by using the following link:
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-12/pdf/2015-14212.pdf>

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-7399 or Earl Love at 301-415-7011.

Sincerely,

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