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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-28641/2017-004 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Lt. Col. Nemmers

This letter refers to the unannounced, routine U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted on May 24-25, 2017, at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, with continued review of the inspection finding's significance through October 12, 2017. The purpose of the inspection was to review site activities being conducted under Air Force Permit No. UT-00696-02. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to public health and safety and common defense and security, and to confirm compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel. The preliminary inspection results were presented to Air Force staff at the conclusion of the onsite inspection, and the final inspection results were presented to your staff by telephone on October 25, 2017.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, which can be found at the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>. Normally, the NRC would consider this violation for escalated enforcement action. However, after careful consideration of your robust physical security controls and layered protection strategies, the NRC has evaluated the significance of this violation as Severity Level IV.

The enclosures transmitted herewith contain Security-Related Information. When separated from these enclosures, this document is decontrolled.

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The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) because it was identified by the NRC during the inspection (Enclosure 1). The violation is of a security-related nature, therefore the details regarding the violation are non-publicly available in the inspection report (Enclosure 2). Both enclosures have been profiled as non-publicly available because they provide security-related details about your permitted program. You are requested to control the dissemination of both enclosures, to prevent the release of the information to the public without prior NRC approval.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. If you have additional information that you believe the NRC should consider, you may provide it in your response to the Notice. Information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions already taken and those planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence, and the date when full compliance will be (was) achieved should be addressed. The NRC review of your response to the Notice will also determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Because the material enclosed herewith contains Security-Related Information in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1), its disclosure to unauthorized individuals could present a security vulnerability. Therefore, the material in the enclosure will not be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. If Security Related Information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please mark your entire response Security-Related Information in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1) and follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1). In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii), the NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response.

Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed Notice or inspection report, please contact Jason C. Dykert at 817-200-1427 or Dr. Robert J. Evans at 817-200-1234.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Michael C. Hay, Chief
Materials Licensing and Inspection Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Docket No. 030-28461
License No. 42-23539-01AF

Enclosures:

1. Security-Related Notice of Violation
2. Security-Related Inspection Report

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