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SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT

Please find enclosed Amendment Number 87 to NRC License Number 05-01399-08 documenting the transfer of specifically licensed gas chromatographs back to a generally licensed devices, as requested in letters dated August 25, 2017 and August 31, 2017. An environmental assessment for this licensing action is not required since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(v). You should review this license carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. You can contact me at 817-200-1127 if you have any questions about this license.

Note that your license and license conditions have been updated in a new format. Please review your license and notify this office if you have any discrepancies or questions.

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/regulatory/enforcement/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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NRC will periodically inspect your radiation safety program. Failure to conduct your program according to NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC may result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation; imposition of a civil penalty; or an order suspending, modifying, or revoking your license as specified in the NRC Enforcement Policy. The NRC Enforcement Policy is available at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>.

An electronic version of the NRC's regulations is available on the NRC Web site at 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).

NRC's Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2005-31 provides criteria to identify security-related sensitive information and guidance for handling and marking of such documents. This ensures that potentially sensitive information is not made publicly available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The RIS may be located on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2005/>. Pursuant to NRC's RIS 2005-31, this letter and its enclosed materials license will not be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated