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Mr. Griffen,

The draft environmental assess (EA) for NIH's proposed exemption from the requirements in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 71.5 is ready for review by the State of Maryland, Department of the Environment (MDE). When I spoke to you last month about this review, the NIH move was scheduled to take place by the end of December. The move has been rescheduled for the spring of 2018, but it still will be a tight timeframe for the NRC to issue the exemption and the associated licensing action. When we spoke last, you said that MDE would be able to support an expedited review. If that is still the case, it would be greatly appreciated. Otherwise, we would request MDE provide comments by February 17<sup>th</sup>. You may send your comments to me, via email, and they will be addressed in the final EA. This EA is in draft form we so we ask that you do not share it outside of your office.

The draft EA addresses the environmental impacts of an NIH proposed exemption from the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations incorporated into the NRC transportation requirements in 10 CFR 71.5. NIH has proposed to move the irradiator in its current configuration (i.e., without disassembling the irradiator) 0.3 miles from one NIH building through an NIH parking lot, across a public road, and through another NIH parking lot to another NIH building.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

We appreciate MDE's review of our draft EA.

Thanks  
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