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SUBJECT: Notice of Indirect Change of Control for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Materials License Number 21-11315-04

Dear Ms. Pelke:

U.S. NRC guidance found in NUREG-1556, Volume 15, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses, Guidance About Changes of Control and About Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material Licenses" and in NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2014-08, Revision 1, "Regulatory Requirements for Transfer of Control (Change of Ownership) of Specific Material Licenses" require notice to, and request for approval of, change of control of a licensee, whether direct or indirect.

MPI Research, Inc., is hereby notifying, and requesting written consent from, the NRC for an indirect change of control for the subject license. The information in this submittal provides details about the impending indirect change of control; provides specific information requested in Appendix E of NUREG-1556; and describes changes in the organization that exercises control over the licensed program.

Indirect Change of Control of License 21-11315-04

On or about April 2, 2018, MPI Research, Inc. will become an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. The licensee, MPI Research, Inc., currently is owned through a series of subsidiaries by private equity funds managed by Avista Capital Partners GP, LP. On the closing date, ACP Mountain Holdings, Inc., an indirect parent corporation to MPI Research, Inc., will merge into a subsidiary of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc., with ACP Mountain Holdings, Inc. remaining as the surviving entity and becoming a direct subsidiary of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. As a result, the licensee will transition from the indirect control of Avista Capital Partners GP, LP, to the indirect control of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. It is not anticipated at this time that the name of the licensee or the direct control of the subject license will change.

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MPI Research understands that if subsequent organizational changes (involving direct control of the license) or name changes are contemplated, those changes cannot become effective until and unless approval is requested and subsequently received from the NRC. MPI Research understands that certain requested changes will require submission of license amendment requests.

Information Needed by NRC for Transfer of Control (from Appendix E of NUREG-1556)

1. *Describe any planned changes in the organization, including but not limited to, transfer of stocks or assets and mergers, change in members on Board of Directors, etc. Provide the new licensee name, mailing address, and contact information, including phone numbers. Clearly identify when the amendment request is due to a name change only.*

As described previously, this is an indirect change of control whereby an indirect parent of MPI Research, Inc., ACP Mountain Holdings, Inc., will merge into a subsidiary of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc., with ACP Mountain Holdings, Inc. remaining as the surviving entity and becoming a direct subsidiary of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. The licensee name, address, contact information and personnel overseeing and implementing the license will not change. A post-transition organization chart for MPI Research and the new parent organization can be provided as soon as it is available.

2. *Describe any changes in personnel or duties that relate to the licensed program. Include training and experience for new personnel and any changes in the training program.*

No changes to personnel, including the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), or duties of the personnel, are currently planned because of this indirect change of control. No changes will take place to the training program.

3. *Describe any changes in the location, facilities, equipment, radiation safety program, use, possession, waste management, or other procedures that relate to the licensed program.*

No changes to the location, facilities, equipment, radiation safety program, use, possession, waste management, or other procedures that relate to the licensed program will result from this indirect change of control.

4. *Describe the status of the licensee's facilities, equipment, and radiation safety program, including any known contamination and whether decontamination will occur prior to transfer. Include the status of calibrations, leak tests, area surveys, wipe tests, training, quality control, and related records.*

Nothing regarding MPI Research's radiation safety program, including facilities and equipment, will change as a result of this indirect change of control. There are no contaminated areas at the licensed facility that require decontamination prior to transfer. Because current operations will remain unchanged, no decommissioning is planned at this time. All required surveillance items, including calibrations, leak tests, surveys, wipe tests, training, quality control and related records, have been performed, documented, and reviewed.

5. *If current decommissioning funding plans (DFP) will be changed as a result of the transfer, the revised DFP should be submitted. If other financial assurance documents will be changed as a result of the transfer, confirm, that all financial assurance instruments associated with the license will be held in the transferee's name before the license is transferred, and as required by 10 CFR 30.35(f), the licenses must, within 30 days, submit financial instruments reflecting such changes.*

The DFP will remain unchanged and unaffected by the indirect change of control. The license is backed by a fully funded Trust Agreement that will remain in place between MPI Research, Inc. ("Grantor") and Comerica Bank and Trust, National Association ("Trustee"), and that was approved by the NRC on August 12, 2016.

6. *Confirm that all records concerning the safe and effective decommissioning of the facility will be transferred to the transferee or to NRC, as appropriate. These records include documentation of surveys of ambient radiation levels and fixed and/or removable contamination, including methods and sensitivity.*

All records associated with the subject license will remain with the licensee. As this is an indirect change of control there will be no transfer of any records associated with the change.

7. *Confirm that both transferor and transferee agree to transferring control of the licensed material and activity, and the conditions of transfer, and that the transferee has been made aware of any open inspection items and its responsibility for possible resulting enforcement actions.*

Both the transferor and transferee agree to transferring control of the licensed material and activities. There are no open inspection items associated with the subject license.

8. *Confirm that the transferee will abide by all constraints, conditions, requirements, representations, and commitments of the transferor or that the transferee will submit a complete description of the proposed licensed program.*

The transferee will abide by all constraints, conditions, requirements, representations, and commitments of the transferor.

9. *The transferee, in the case of fuel cycle facilities, shall provide documentation showing that it is financially qualified to conduct normal operations. The information can be in the form of income statements and balance sheet forecasts.*

The subject license is not a fuel cycle facility license.

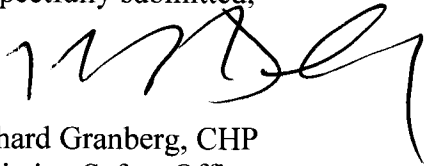
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Changes in the Organization that Exercises Control over the Licensed Program

There will be no changes in the organization that exercises control over the licensed program. The written program to implement the license will not change. The RSO will not change.

If you have any questions or concerns after reviewing this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (269) 668-3336, Ext. 2050.

Respectfully submitted,

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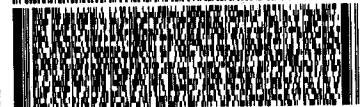
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