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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 03034325/2018009 (DNMS) – VA PUGET SOUND
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Dear Dr. Leidholdt:

On December 12, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducted a routine inspection at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, Washington. The inspection was limited to a review of activities authorized under Permit No. 46-00990-01. The inspector conducted an exit meeting with the management and staff at the facility at the completion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under the Permit as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, independent measurements, and observation of activities in progress. Within the scope of the inspection, no violations of NRC requirements were identified; therefore, no response to this letter or the enclosed NRC Form 591M is required.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

E. Leidholdt

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection or the enclosed report, please contact Bryan Parker of my staff at 678-828-7050.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Letter to Edwin M. Leidholdt, Jr., Ph.D., from Patricia J. Pelke, dated January 7, 2019

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