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SUBJECT: CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - COLUMBIA, REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RAI) EXTENSION REQUEST - ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF DECOMMISSIONING PLAN SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 10 CFR 30.36(g) UNDER LICENSE NO. 24-00513-32 (MAIL CONTROL NUMBER 596692)

Dear Mr. Houts:

This letter is in response to your request in a letter dated May 5, 2020 (ML20128J839) and your supplemental information provided in your request dated May 7, 2020 (ML20140A114) and email dated May 15, 2020 (ML20140A111) for an extension to our Request for Additional Information (RAI) dated March 12, 2020 (ML20078L134).

The NRC acknowledges your request for an extension to submit information associated with one of the NRC's requests for additional information. Specifically, the COVID-19 pandemic within the United States has affected activities on campus whereby licensee administration has limited access to the University campus until June 4, 2020. You then stated that additional work and compilation of data will be required, and the information requested will be submitted no later than January 7, 2021 (document states January 7, 2020 which you acknowledged as a typo).

The NRC has reviewed your request and agrees to an extension for the licensee to complete all work associated with obtaining information to support NRC's acceptance review of your Decommissioning Plan and submit your response to NRC's RAIs by January 7, 2021. It should be noted that NRC has not accepted the licensee's Decommissioning Plan for technical review at this time. Rather, the requested information will be used to determine whether the NRC will accept the Decommissioning Plan for our technical review. In accordance with guidance, policies and procedures, NRC reserves the right to request additional information within the scope of our technical review for which the licensee will need to adequately respond prior to issuance of an approved Decommissioning Plan. This effort could result in requesting additional information or the conduct of a site inspection by NRC inspectors.

In your letter dated May 5, 2020, you reference additional characterization and remediation needed to obtain information for responding to the NRC's RAIs which could include, but is not limited to, collecting soil samples below contaminated floor drain lines, coring the basement floor slab and sampling underlying soils, and preparing for concrete floor cutting by remediation

of brick and concrete in the basement. If these activities meet the criteria of 10 CFR 30.36(g), for example if they could increase the potential health and safety impacts to workers or to the public, then you would need to request and obtain NRC approval prior to proceeding with these activities.

Finally, the NRC plans to perform a site inspection during the licensee's characterization to support the additional information requested by the NRC. As such, the NRC will be in contact with you to determine the appropriate time to perform an inspection.

If you have any questions concerning the decommissioning process or the requirements for the decommissioning of your facility, you may contact Michael LaFranzo of the Materials Control, ISFSI, and Decommissioning Branch at 1-630-829-9865.

In accordance with 10 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>. 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), follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1) and provide a redacted copy so that the NRC can release as much information to the public as possible. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii), the NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response.

Any correspondence regarding the decommissioning of your facility should reference the control number specified below, and your license number.

Sincerely,

David E. Hills, Chief
Materials Control, ISFSI, and
Decommissioning Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

License No. 24-00513-32
Docket No. 030-02278
Mail Control No. 596692

cc: Ronald J. Dobey, Jr. CHP, Radiation
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Letter to Todd Houts from David Hills dated June 30, 2020.

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