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Michael M. Gottesman, M.D. Deputy Director for Intramural Research Department of Health & Human Services National Institute of Health 31 Center Drive, MSC 2260 Bethesda, MD 20892-2260

Dear Dr. Gottesman:

This is to confirm the licensing visit and the discussion to be held between NRC staff and your staff, on December 12, 1997 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Health, Building 21, Room 237.

The purpose of the licensing visit is to discuss your license amendment request for effluent releases to the sanitary sewer system. Based on our discussion on November 24, 1997 with Mr. Robert Zoon of your staff, it is expected that your current sewer release and liquid waste capacity situations will be discussed. In addition, it is expected that for any proposal, that may involve an exemption to 10 CFR 20.2003, that you would provide a clear environmental assessment based on your proposed limits. You should also be ready to discuss the requested information in our letter dated October 16, 1997.

If you have any questions regarding this an eting, contact Tai. Weidner at (610) 337-5272. We look forward to measing with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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A. Randolph Blough, Director Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

cc: R. Zoon, RSO State of Maryland

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