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**SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP LETTER ON REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON
U.S. ARMY DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING PLAN UPDATE FOR SOURCE
MATERIALS LICENSE NO. SUC-1593 (DOCKET NUMBER 040-09083)**

Dear Dr. Cherry:

In accordance with license condition 14 of Source Materials License No. SUC-1593, the U.S. Army Installation Management Command (Army) must submit an updated decommissioning cost estimate and financial assurance instrument on a triennial basis. By letter dated December 27, 2019 (Agencywide Documents Management and Access System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML20003D851), the Army submitted the Revised Final Decommissioning Funding Plan (DFP) for Material License SUC-1593, dated October 28, 2019. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued several requests for additional information (RAIs) on the Army's submittal in letter dated June 23, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20147A172). The RAIs request clarification changes to the Statement of Intent (SOI), submittal of a certification of financial assurance (CFA), and seek additional details on specifics included in the decommissioning cost estimate.

In response to the NRC staff's RAIs, the Army asked several questions in email dated August 31, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20307A074), specifically inquiring if revisions to the SOI and the submittal of an CFA are necessary, citing logistical difficulty in obtaining signatures from the Army Commander General. This letter is to inform you that the NRC staff have considered your comments and have determined that no changes to the SOI included in the December 27, 2019 Army submittal and no separate CFA are required for this update. This determination is based on the NRC staff's historical acceptance of the wording of the Army's SOI and because the NRC has reasonable assurance that the Army will be able to obtain federal government funding when the sites enter the planning process for decommissioning. The Army should consider the clarification changes to the SOI and the submittal of a CFA during the next triennial update for License No. SUC-1593. The Army should also reference this letter in their response to the NRC RAIs. Following resolution of the RAIs, the NRC staff will continue its review of the DFP update.

In accordance with Title 10 of *Code of Federal Regulation* (10 CFR) Part 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records

component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Priya Yadav of my staff at 301-415-6667 or by e-mail at Priya.Yadav@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Koenick".

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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