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July 11, 2022

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**SUBJECT: GEO-TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC. - NRC INSPECTION NO.
03034837/2022-001 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Cutter:

This letter refers to the inspection remotely conducted on July 5 and 6, 2022. This inspection examined your request to amend your NRC license to change the locations of use authorized on the license, the timing of your move, and its associated compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examination of representative records and interviews with personnel. A final exit call was performed on July 6, 2022, to provide you the results of this review.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) because the violation was identified by the NRC.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding: (1) the reason for the violation; (2) the corrective actions that have been taken and the results achieved; and (3) the date when full compliance will be (was) achieved is already adequately addressed on the docket in a letter from you dated July 7, 2022 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML22192A017), as well as the NRC's amendment of your license on July 6, 2022. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter and your response, if you choose to provide one, will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's ADAMS, accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be made available to the Public without redaction.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jason vonEhr of my staff at (610) 337-5256 or via electronic mail at Jason.vonEhr@nrc.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Christopher Cahill, Chief
Commercial, Industrial, R&D
and Academic Branch
Division of Radiological Safety and Security
Region I

Docket No. 030-34837
License No. 19-30479-01

Enclosure:
Notice of Violation

cc w/ enclosure
Gregory R. Sauter, P.E., Vice President
State of Delaware

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Geo-Technology Associates, Inc.
Abingdon, MD

Docket No. 030-34837
License No. 19-30479-01

During a review of your NRC license amendment request dated April 13, 2022, the NRC identified a violation of NRC requirements. In accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 30.34(c) requires, in part, that each person licensed by the Commission pursuant to the regulations in this part shall confine their possession of the byproduct material to the locations authorized in the license.

Contrary to the above, from May 1, 2022, through July 5, 2022, the licensee, who is licensed under 10 CFR Part 30, failed to confine its possession and use of the byproduct material to the locations authorized in the license. Specifically, the licensee moved its licensed radioactive materials from a licensed location in Georgetown, Delaware, to a new facility within Georgetown, Delaware, that was not authorized on the NRC license. The NRC license was amended on July 6, 2022, to include this new facility as a licensed location.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (NRC Enforcement Policy Section 6.3.d.9).

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence and the date when full compliance will be achieved is already adequately addressed in your letter dated July 7, 2022 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML22192A017). However, you are required to submit a written statement or explanation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201 if the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond, clearly mark your response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation," and send it to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice).

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, any response which contests an enforcement action shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

Your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) and on the NRC Web site. To the extent possible, it should, therefore, not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be made publicly available without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

In accordance with 10 CFR 19.11, you may be required to post this Notice within two working days of receipt. Dated This 11th day of July 2022