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Docket No. 03002981
Control No. 134398

License No. 37-01317-01

Teressa Schick
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West Penn Allegheny Health System
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Pittsburgh, PA 15212

SUBJECT: WEST PENN ALLEGHENY HEALTH SYSTEM, REVIEW OF FINANCIAL
ASSURANCE SUBMITTAL, CONTROL NO. 134398

Dear Ms. Schick:

We have reviewed the letter dated January 31, 2005, to meet the financial assurance requirements for your license. We have no further questions at this time.

The following documents currently provide your financial assurance for decommissioning:

Certification of Financial Assurance dated October 17, 1991;
Letter of Credit dated December 14, 2004; and
Standby Trust Agreement dated November 24, 2004, with attachments.

In addition, we are returning the original of the Escrow Agreement dated October 5, 1998, Letter of Credit dated October 16, 1991, with an amendment dated October 19, 1998 and Letter of Credit dated October 18, 1990. These documents have been superseded by the documents identified above.

Please ensure that this accounting is accurate and that any changes to the documents which provide financial assurance for decommissioning are submitted and reviewed by the NRC as required.

As previously stated, the requirements for financial assurance are going to change effective June 2, 2005. Specifically, the financial assurance for decommissioning, required for licensee's which are authorized to possess NRC licensed materials in amounts greater than 10^3 but less than 10^4 times the applicable quantities of Appendix B to 10CFR Part 30, in unsealed form, as further defined in 10 CFR 30.35 (d), will increase from \$150,000 to \$225,000. If you have not reduced your possession limits prior to this date, you must have this amount in place on June 2, 2005, using one of the acceptable methods defined in 10 CFR 30.35 (f).

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T. Schick
West Penn Allegheny Health System

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Please note that on October 25, 2004, the NRC suspended public access to ADAMS, and initiated an additional security review of publicly available documents to ensure that potentially sensitive information is removed from the ADAMS database accessible through the NRC's web site. Interested members of the public may obtain copies of the referenced documents for review and/or copying by contacting the NRC Public Document Room pending resumption of public access to ADAMS. The NRC Public Document Room is located at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, MD, and can be contacted at 800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737 or pdr@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Pamela J. Henderson

Pamela J. Henderson, Chief
Medical Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Enclosures as stated

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