

September 21, 2005

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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REQUEST TO RELEASE A CERTAIN PORTION OF
GENERAL ATOMICS' FACILITY, "FORMER BUILDING 25 SITE," TO
UNRESTRICTED USE AND DELETE FROM LICENSE SNM-696 (TAC L31905)

Dear Mr. Walti:

We have processed your request to be the lead agency for release of a certain portion of your facility, namely "General Atomic's (GA) Nuclear Waste Processing Facility and Adjacent Surrounding Areas" to unrestricted use and deletion from License SNM-696, which was transmitted by letter dated April 4, 2005 (GA No. 696/CAL-3855).

We agreed, by letter dated July 19, 2005 (ML052000482), to be the lead agency for this review. The review has been assigned Technical Assignment Number (TAC) L31905. Please reference this number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

Based on our preliminary review and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review by the end of December 2005. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, confirmatory inspection results, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule.

In addition, a copy of your submittal has been forwarded to the License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, who will contact you separately for billing, as your request is subject to full cost fee recovery.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-6155 or via e-mail to mnrb@nrc.gov.

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