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Re: Salem International University
Mail Control No. 138506

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Dear Dr. Courtemanche:

This is in reference to your letters dated March 8, 2006 and April 14, 2006, requesting additional information regarding Salem International University's (SIU) change of ownership. After due consideration during the past several weeks, Salem International University has determined that it is not terminating its license at this time. Therefore, in accordance with your instructions, we are providing the information that was requested by your letter of March 8, 2006. The responses below correspond to and address the four informational requests that you presented in that letter:

- 1) As an initial matter, allow me to take this opportunity to correct the information concerning the ownership of Salem International University (SIU). The new owner is Salem International University, LLC, which acquired the institution in an asset purchase transaction from Informatics, Inc. and Salem International University, Inc. on June 8, 2005. Neither Informatics, Inc. nor Salem International University, Inc. have any remaining interests in SIU. The transaction was an asset purchase, not a stock transfer. I am the President of the new owner, Salem International University, LLC.
- 2) As the President of Salem International University, LLC, I am an authorized representative of the new owner. My signature below constitutes a commitment that Salem International University, LLC will maintain any records received from the transferors upon the acquisition of SIU.
- 3) A bit of history. In September 2004, Dr. Loren Bertocci, Dean of Arts and Sciences, began an effort to go through all the biological science laboratory spaces at SIU, to make sure they were thoroughly cleaned and put into order, and to perform a chemical and instrument inventory. Later that year, in the fall of 2004, we received a site visit from Mr. Everhart of the NRC and, among other things, walked through all the lab spaces with radiation stickers and found no areas of detectable radioactivity. At that point, our license was modified to "storage only." We also responded to Mr.

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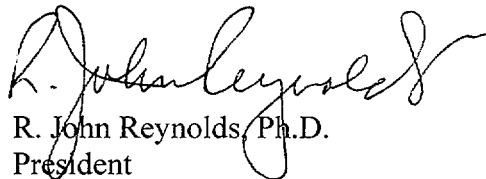
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Everhart's concerns by linking the chemical inventory to MSDS records, getting our Geiger counters calibrated and using them to re-test every lab space for counts, determining (again) no detectable counts. About a year later, we received a site visit from you in November 2005. During this site visit, we guided you on a tour of all our lab spaces and during this time, Dr. Bertocci went through each and every lab space with you, including each and every cabinet in each lab space, and your Geiger counter, again did not find any detectable counts. However, we did find a few microliters of ^3H -labeled thymidine in three vials that, although there were no detectable counts, based on half-life might not (yet) have totally decayed, and identified a not-decommissioned LSC with a small amount of reference nuclide. Since that visit, we disposed of the vials of ^3H -labeled thymidine and updated our chemical inventory. Both then and now, we have reaffirmed (internally and to the NRC) that we do not intend to seek a revision of our license to anything other than current storage (although at this time we have no nuclides of any sort). With respect to possible contamination in our laboratories, although it is possible that licensed material with a half-life of greater than 65 days might still be present in some of the laboratories, we are unable to find any places with anything above background counts. Thus, we are satisfied that whatever residues of licensed materials we might still have in places like sinks and hoods is not of high enough concentration to represent a health risk.

- 4) By my signature below, the transferee, Salem International University, LLC agrees to abide by the constraints, license conditions, requirements, representations and commitments identified in and attributed to the existing license.

SIU has now responded to each of the NRC's stated concerns. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 304-326-1234 or jreynolds@salemiu.edu. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



R. John Reynolds, Ph.D.
President

cc: Dr. Loren Bertocci
Mr. Gerard Francois