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License No. 45-25611-01

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SUBJECT: VETERINARY EMERGENCY CENTER, INC., REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO
LICENSE, CONTROL NO. 139245

Dear Dr. Howard:

This is in reference to your letter received August 7, 2006 requesting to amend Nuclear Regulatory Commission License No. 45-25611-01. In order to continue our review, we need the following additional information:

You have indicated that based on experience with 150 previously treated cats that you would like to change your procedure to no longer require cats to be returned for monitoring after one week of isolation.

NRC has approved different release criteria for different groups of cats based on behavioral groupings and confidence in owner compliance with instructions. It is not clear from your application how you profile these cats and their owners to determine if the proposed procedure change is adequate. Please therefore provide more details on your criteria for selecting cats and owners (pre-administration acceptance screening) and then applying appropriate controls. In addition please confirm that cats are held for a minimum of 96 hours prior to their release.

Current NRC regulations and guidance are included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov; select **Nuclear Materials; Medical, Academic, and Industrial Uses of Nuclear Material**; then **Toolkit Index Page**. Or you may obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-888-293-6498. The GPO is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

We will continue our review upon receipt of this information. Please reply to my attention at the Region I Office and refer to Mail Control No. 139245. If you have any technical questions regarding this deficiency letter, please call me at (610) 337-5303.

P. Howard
Veterinary Emergency Center, inc.

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If we do not receive a reply from you within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, we will assume that you do not wish to pursue your application.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Thomas K. Thompson

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