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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF
MARSSIM FINAL STATUS SURVEY AND SAMPLING WORK PLAN

Dear Dr. Lamoreaux:

This letter refers to your July 23, 2013 letter that transmitted your MARSSIM Final Status Survey and Sampling Work Plan, Revision 3, dated April 2, 2013 (decommissioning plan). This letter also is to acknowledge the receipt of your decommissioning plan and to inform you that we have conducted the acceptance review and have determined that the information provided is sufficient to begin the technical review. Please note that the acceptance review does not reflect the technical adequacy of the information provided and we may request additional information as a result of the technical review. We will issue a Federal Register Notice, in accordance with NUREG-1757, Consolidated Decommissioning Guidance: Decommissioning Process for Materials Licensees, Vol. 1, Rev. 2, dated September 2006, stating that we are commencing the technical review.

In addition, this letter summarizes our e-mail correspondence, dated October 30, 2013, regarding three specific requests for additional information.

- (1) In your cover letter, you did not specifically state that the MARSSIM Final Status Survey and Sampling Work Plan, Revision 3, dated April 2, 2013 is a decommissioning plan. However, based on your response to my email, you confirmed that the work plan is a decommissioning plan. For consistency, we will use the term "decommissioning plan" to reference your MARSSIM Final Status Survey and Sampling Work Plan.
- (2) In your cover letter, you did not specifically request that we amend your license to include the decommissioning plan. However, based on your response to my email, we intend to treat your letter and the attached decommissioning plan as a

request to amend your license. If we approve the decommissioning plan, we will incorporate the plan by reference in Condition 13 of your license.

- (3) In your decommissioning plan, you intend to perform any necessary remediation of Area 1222 and then conduct a radiological survey of the area in accordance with NUREG-1575, Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM), Rev. 1, dated August 2000, however, you did not request the release of Area 1222 for unrestricted use. Based your response to my email, it is our understanding that you intend to confirm that Area 1222 would meet the requirements for release for unrestricted use and the area would remain a portion of the Picatinny Arsenal site.

The NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement became effective in June 2011. While a policy statement and not a regulation, it sets forth the agency's *expectations* for individuals and organizations to establish and maintain a positive safety culture. You can access the policy statement and supporting material that may benefit your organization on NRC's safety culture Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>. We strongly encourage you to review this material and adapt it to your particular needs in order to develop and maintain a positive safety culture as you engage in NRC-regulated activities.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please contact me at (610) 337-5323. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Laurie A. Kauffman

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