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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO ALTERNATE SCHEDULE REQUEST CONCERNING NAVAL
RESEARCH LABORATORY CHESAPEAKE BEACH DETACHMENT AND
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER DAHLGREN DIVISION FOR
COMPLETION OF DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES

Dear Admiral Slates:

This letter is in response to the U.S. Department of the Navy's (Navy) request that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approve an alternative schedule for decommissioning for the Naval Research Laboratory Chesapeake Beach Detachment and the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, permittees under Navy Master Materials License No. 45-23645-01NA. By letter dated June 3, 2013 (ML13165A300), the Navy requested that the completion date for decommissioning at these two facilities be extended until October 31, 2013. By letter dated October 30, 2013 (ML13330B611), the Navy requested that the decommissioning completion schedule be extended until October 31, 2014.

The NRC staff has reviewed the amendment requests along with the additional information contained in your letters dated August 9, 2013 (ML13266A234) and October 7, 2013 (ML13303A965). The NRC staff understands that all on-site decommissioning work, including the disposal of radioactive waste, has been completed at both locations. The remaining work to be accomplished at both facilities consists of the evaluation and review of your contractor's draft Final Status Survey (FSS) Report, documenting the completion of decommissioning activities, prior to it being submitted to the NRC. The NRC staff has completed a technical review of your request, and finds, pursuant to 10 CFR 30.36(i), that the alternate schedule proposed by the Navy for the completion of decommissioning activities is warranted.

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Enclosed with this letter are your amended license and the related Technical Evaluation Reports associated with our review supporting the approval of the Navy's request. The NRC staff has concluded that this request for an alternate schedule for completion of decommissioning meets the criteria of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(xv) for a categorical exclusion; therefore, because this action does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment, no further environmental review is required.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Orysia Masnyk Bailey at (864) 441-5226 or Orysia.MasnykBailey@nrc.gov or Shawn Seeley at (610) 337-5102 or Shawn.Seeley@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



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2. TER Report, Naval Surface Warfare
Center Dahlgren Division
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