

April 22, 2015

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF PERSONNEL CHANGES AND REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (TECHNICAL ASSIGNMENT CONTROL NUMBER
L33370)

Dear Dr. Vailas:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received your submittal dated February 27, 2015, transmitting personnel changes. Your request has been assigned as Technical Assignment Control Number L33370. Please reference this number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

We have completed our acceptance review of your submittal and have identified no administrative omissions or deficiencies that would prevent us from proceeding. However, our review has identified that additional information is needed before the license amendment can be approved. The additional information should be provided to us within 30 days from the date of this letter.

Specifically, your submittal identifies Dr. Dunzik-Gougar as the License Administrator. This title differs from the Reactor Administrator position defined in Attachment IV of your license application. If you wish to revise the title of the position, please revise Attachment IV to match.

In addition, Attachment IV states that the minimum qualifications for the Reactor Administrator position includes at least 2 years experience related to nuclear reactor operations. Although Dr. Dunzik-Gougar has many years experience in nuclear engineering and research involving radioactive materials, it is unclear how much of the experience involves reactor operations. License SNM-1373 authorizes the operation of a sub-critical assembly, not a nuclear reactor. Please revise the Reactor Administrator qualification requirements in Attachment IV to make it more consistent with the activities authorized by the license.

Based on our preliminary review and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review by the end of August 2015. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 301-415-7506, or via e-mail to Kevin.Ramsey@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 301-492-3123, or via e-mail to Kevin.Ramsey@nrc.gov.

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