

June 16, 2015

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR
2014: PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY (TECHNICAL ASSIGNMENT
CONTROL NUMBER L33359)

Dear Mr. Doncsecz:

In letters dated December 23, 2014, and January 12, 2015, Pennsylvania State University (PSU) submitted documents to demonstrate continued eligibility to use the self-guarantee for financial assurance of decommissioning both the Breazeale Nuclear Reactor (Docket 050-0005) and special nuclear material (SNM) (Docket 70-113). The documents pertain to fiscal year 2014. The review by the staff at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that is documented in enclosure 1 of this letter pertains only to SNM license SNM-95.

Facilities licensed under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 70 are required to establish adequate financial assurance for decommissioning pursuant to 10 CFR 70.25, "Financial Assurance and Recordkeeping for Decommissioning." 10 CFR Part 30, Appendix E, states the criteria relating to use of financial tests and self-guarantee for providing reasonable assurance of funds for decommissioning by nonprofit colleges, universities, and hospitals

The NRC staff at the have determined that PSU has demonstrated their continued eligibility to use the self-guarantee for decommissioning SNM that is authorized under license SNM-95. PSU has met the requirements of both paragraph 70.25(f)(2) and Appendix E, of Part 30. The NRC staff has no further questions at this time.

This letter both concludes the action on the review of the annual certification regarding license SNM-95 and closes the assigned Technical Assignment Control Number L33359.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-8729, or via e-mail at Christopher.Ryder@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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