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SUBJECT: DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, RESPONSE TO ALTERNATE SCHEDULE
REQUEST & LICENSE AMENDMENT, CONTROL NO. 584060

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is in response to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) request in your letter dated May 29, 2013 (should be 2014) (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML14167A147) and subsequent letter dated March 25, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15089A272) that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approve an alternate schedule for decommissioning for your Strategic Materials facility (Scotia Depot) in Scotia, New York. DLA has requested an alternate schedule that would extend the time frame for completing decommissioning activities until February 29, 2020, which aligns with the current expiration date of its license.

In the NRC's letter dated September 5, 2014 (ML14255A193), we acknowledged receipt of your request and informed you that we were commencing our technical review. On October 20, 2014, the NRC published information concerning your request in the Federal Register (79 FR 62677).

The NRC staff has completed a technical review of your request and finds, pursuant to 10 CFR 40.42(i), that the alternate schedule proposed by DLA for completion of decommissioning activities is warranted.

Enclosed with this letter are your amended license and the Technical Evaluation Report associated with our review supporting approval of your 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)(xvi) for a categorical exclusion. DLA's proposed activity is similar to the activities of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14), paragraphs (xiii), (xv), and (x) when taken together, and therefore qualifies for a categorical exclusion. Since DLA removed the specifically licensed material and is awaiting the completion of a final status survey to ensure no residual radioactive contamination is present, this action is not likely to affect any aspect of the natural or cultural environment and no further environmental review is required.

Please review the enclosed documents carefully and be sure that you understand and fully implement all the conditions incorporated into the amended license. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I Office, Licensing Assistance Team, (610) 337-5239, so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

Since DLA will no longer acquire any additional specifically licensed source material, the NRC has amended your license for storage only with no change to the expiration date of February 29, 2020. A storage only license still requires a radiation safety program, personnel with adequate training and experience, and the performance of an annual program review in accordance with 10 CFR 20.1101(c).

Current NRC regulations and guidance are included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov; select **Nuclear Materials; Med, Ind, & Academic Uses**; then **Licensee Toolkits, see our toolkit index page**. You may also obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-866-512-1800. The GPO is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

If you have any questions concerning this letter, feel free to contact Kathy Modes, of my staff, at (610) 337-5251 or Kathy.Modes@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by Mark Roberts
For Marc S. Ferdas***

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Technical Evaluation Report

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