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Environmental Health and Safety Office

November 27, 2019

Patricia Silva, Chief
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV
1600 East Lamar Boulevard
Arlington Texas 76011-4511

SUBJECT: Reply to a Notice of Violation
 License No. 53-00017-23
 Docket No. 030-07517

Dear Madam:

This is in response to the Notice of Violation for the University of Hawai'i received for the NRC inspection conducted on July 25, 2019. Our response to the violation are included below.

1) Reason For The Violation

The radiation safety officer, who has since retired, did not bring forth to the attention of the Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) the request to free-release the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry's field office in Hilo, Hawai'i.

2) Corrective Steps Taken And The Results Achieved

Sent out email on September 5, 2019 to the RSC members requesting to retroactively approve the free-release of Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry's field office. The RSC meeting was held on September 6th, where the subject was discussed and approved. RSC meeting minutes were forwarded to Mr. James Thompson, as well as supporting documents of a close out survey completed by the radiation safety officer, and the University of Hawai'i's Laboratory Decommissioning document. Additionally, submitted an amendment request to NRC's Michelle Simmons to remove the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry, Pacific Southwest Research Station, 60 Nowelo Street, Hilo, Hawai'i from the University of Hawai'i's license.

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3) Corrective Steps That Will Be Taken

To date, any permanent stoppage of radioactive material activity will be brought to the attention of the RSC in a timely manner for their approval. The NRC will be notified within 60 days prior to permanently ceasing activities.

4) Date When Full Compliance Will Be Achieved

Date is pending based on approval of submitted amendment request on October 24, 2019 to Michelle Simmons.

If additional information is needed, please contact, Nancy Miyake at 808-956-8591.
Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this violation.

Sincerely,



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