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SUBJECT: DECOMMISSIONING OF ARL POOL IRRADIATOR

Dear Colonel Williams:

This letter refers to your November 22, 1996 letter concerning your plans to decommission the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) pool irradiator. This also refers to the telephone conversation on December 4, 1996 between Duncan White of this office and Michael Borisky of your staff.

It is our understanding that ARL plans to 1) remove and transfer the irradiator sources to an authorized licensee during 1997; 2) conduct a closeout survey of the irradiator pool and support facilities; and 3) request a license amendment to remove the irradiator from the license.

Based on the information provided in your letter and the above referenced telephone conversation, the NRC concludes that ARL's decommissioning plans meet the requirements of 10 CFR 30.36. Please notify this office if there is a change in your decommissioning plans.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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