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Ms. Beth Prange
Materials Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region 4:WCFO
1450 Maria Lane
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Dear Ms. Prange:

I understand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has amended its regulation, 10 CFR Part 30, to require licensees to submit a Statement of Intent for providing decommissioning funding when their radioactive materials license authorizes specific levels of radio-nuclides.

NASA-Ames Research Center license #04-07845-04 authorizes possession of isotopes which place Ames into the \$750,000.00 decommissioning funding financial assurance category. Although the controls placed on the use of those materials prevent contamination and the periodic surveys conducted in accordance with our license conditions indicate that no significant decommissioning would be warranted at this time, I understand that a catastrophic event or facility closure could result in the need for elaborate decommissioning.

I would like to assure you that the NASA funding organizations are aware of the obligation for decommissioning of the Ames facilities and of the NRC financial assurance category applicable to Ames.

As Center Director, I am authorized to commit the necessary funding and assure that decommissioning funding to \$750,000.00 will, if necessary, be requested sufficiently in advance to prevent delay in the required decommissioning activities.

If you have any questions pertaining to the authority which grants me to offer this financial assurance, please feel free to contact David King at 415/604-1316.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ken K. Munechika".

Ken K. Munechika
Director