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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 22 TO RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS LICENSE FOR SOILS
AND MATERIALS ENGINEERS, INC., NRC LICENSE NO. 21-17158-02

Dear Mr. Shaheen:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 22 to your U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Materials License No. 21-17158-02 in accordance with your October 12, 2021 and November 19, 2021 requests.

This amendment adds authorization for your additional permanent storage site located at 15825 Leone Drive, Macomb, Michigan. In addition, this amendment also reflects the removal of your former permanent storage site located at 1501 West Thomas Street, Bay City, Michigan.

Your request identified that all radioactive materials have been removed from the former permanent storage site. Further, your request provided leak test reports for the portable gauging devices previously stored at this facility. I have reviewed this information and have concluded that all licensed radioactive material has been removed from your facility and there is no evidence of residual radioactive contamination attributable to licensed activities. Therefore, the former facility is suitable for release to unrestricted use.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. NRC Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we may provide appropriate corrections and answers.

An environmental assessment for this action is not required because this action is categorically excluded under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Section 51.22(c).

You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation; or imposition of a civil penalty; or an Order suspending, modifying, or revoking your license as specified in the NRC Enforcement Policy. Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance that NRC expects of its licensees.

The enclosed document contains sensitive security-related information.
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The NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement became effective in June 2011. While a policy statement and not a regulation, it sets forth the agency's *expectations* for individuals and organizations to establish and maintain a positive safety culture. You can access the policy statement and supporting material that may benefit your organization on NRC's safety culture Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>. We strongly encourage you to review this material and adapt it to your particular needs in order to develop and maintain a positive safety culture as you engage in NRC-regulated activities.

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Sincerely,

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