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Dear Mr. Vetter:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 61 to your NRC Materials License No. 22-00187-46 in accordance with your request dated November 16, 2021, to change the mailing address and add sources.

In a separate letter dated November 16, 2021, you requested an extension to the initiation of decommissioning due to a lack of conducting principal activities for a period of 24 months, as required by 10 CFR 30.36(d). 10 CFR 30.36(f) states that "the Commission may grant a request to extend the time periods established in paragraph (d) if the Commission determines that this relief is not detrimental to the public health and safety and is otherwise in the public interest." From our review of your extension request, we agree that "this relief is not detrimental to the public health and safety and is otherwise in the public interest." **Therefore, we are granting your request for extension from the date of this letter through the expiration date of your current license (February 9, 2022 through July 31, 2023).** Also, please note that this is now a condition of your license (see Condition 23 of the enclosed amendment). You will need to continue to evaluate the actual need to conduct licensed activities between now and then, and reach a decision by 60 days prior to the expiration date of the license on whether to terminate or renew the license. A request to renew the license may require additional extension of decommissioning commencement if principal activities have not resumed during this extension period.

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. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

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 General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions. 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 which NRC expects of its licensees.

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 <http://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.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Amendment No. 61