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SUBJECT: AB CONSULTANTS, INC., LICENSE RENEWAL, MAIL CONTROL NO. 630860

Dear Mr. Andinet:

This refers to your request for renewal of your NRC license. Enclosed with this letter is the license. Please review the license carefully and be sure that you understand and fully implement all the conditions of the license. Please note that several license conditions were updated to the new standard license conditions as detailed in NUREG-1556 Volume 20, Revision 1, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Guidance About Administrative Licensing Procedures." If there are any errors or questions, please contact me at (610) 337-5256 or via electronic mail at Jason.vonEhr@nrc.gov so that appropriate corrections or answers can be provided.

The following was noted from your renewal application submitted on May 25, 2022, and confirmed with you during a phone call on May 26, 2022, and as a result do not require any response:

- Your NRC Form 3, in Box 2, included your name rather than the name of the licensee. You confirmed the name remains "AB Consultants, Inc.;"
- Your NRC Form 3, in Box 3, indicated "Washington D.C." and "Virginia" as locations of use and storage of licensed material. You confirmed that your present authorization for temporary job sites remains sufficient, and that your Virginia location for which you provided a facility diagram is not within NRC jurisdiction to license;
- Your Appendix B Checklist and Supplement indicated that your gauges (Troxler Electronic Laboratories Model 3400 Series) would contain 8 mCi each Cs-137 and 40 mCi Am-241/Be. The above-mentioned series is permitted by its associated Sealed Source and Device Registry (NC-646-D-130-S, dated April 4, 2007) up to 9 mCi Cs-137 and 44 mCi of Am-241/Be, and will be authorized as such on your license.
- Your Appendix B Checklist selected all three options under Item 10.6 concerning your Operating, Emergency, and Security Procedures. We would understand that you will maintain your own procedures, as you've provided in your supplement, and will meet the second-selection in the Appendix B Checklist.
- Your Supplemental Information included information regarding an Alternate Radiation Safety Officer. At this time, the NRC does not recognize and will not include Assistant or Alternative Radiation Safety Officers on its licenses outside of 10 CFR Part 35 medical licenses.

- Your provided procedures included information requiring leak tests of your gauges every 6 months. Please note that the license condition (both from your old license amendment and your newly renewed license) for the NRC requires leak tests every six months *or* at the interval indicated on the Sealed Source and Device Registry, which for the Troxler Electronic Laboratories Model 3400 Series is every 12 months.

An environmental assessment for this action was not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14).

Please be advised that your license expires at the end of the day in the month and year stated in the license. Until your license has been terminated, you must conduct your program in accordance with the conditions of your license, representations made in your license application, and NRC regulations. In particular, note that you must:

1. Operate in accordance with NRC regulations 10 CFR Part 19, "Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers: Inspections and Investigations," 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," and other appropriate regulations.
2. Notify NRC in writing 30 days in advanced of any change in mailing address.
3. In accordance with 10 CFR 30.36(d), notify NRC promptly, in writing, within 60 days and request termination of the license:
 - a. When you decide to terminate all activities involving materials authorized under the license whether at the entire site or any separate building or outdoor area;
 - b. If you decide not to acquire or possess and use authorized material; or
 - c. When no principal activities under the license have been conducted for a period of 24 months.
4. Request and obtain a license amendment before you:
 - a. Change Radiation Safety Officers;
 - b. Order byproduct material in excess of the amount, or radionuclide, or form different than authorized on the license;
 - c. Add or change the areas of use or address or addresses of use identified in the license application or on the license;
 - d. Change the name or ownership of your organization.
5. Submit a complete renewal application or termination request at least 30 days before the expiration date of your license. You will receive a reminder notice approximately 60 days before the expiration date. Possession of byproduct material after your license expires is a violation of NRC regulations.

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. The NRC Enforcement Policy is available at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/enforcement/>.

An electronic version of the NRC's regulations is available on the NRC Web Site at: www.nrc.gov. Additional information regarding use of radioactive materials may be obtained on the NRC Web Site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/mat-toolkits.html>. This site also provides the link to the toolbox for updated information on the revised regulations for naturally-occurring and accelerator-produced radioactive materials (NARM).

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/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.

Please be aware that, as a holder of an NRC license, you may be subject to the NRC's licensing and inspection fees in accordance with 10 CFR Part 170, and annual fees in accordance with 10 CFR Part 171. If you have any questions concerning the fee requirements, please contact the License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch at (301) 415-7544.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice and Procedure," 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 document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web Site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Region I

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