ACTION ITEM #1
Washington State University Renewal of Radioactive Materials License WN-C003-1
(Keane)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Statement of Intent in support of renewal of the University’s Radioactive Materials License WN-C003-1. The License allows the use and storage of radioactive materials for the purposes of research, teaching and public service.

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents delegate authority to the President to issue and sign Statements of Intent in support of the application for renewal or amendment of Radioactive Materials License WN-C003-1, for the University campuses and research stations listed on the license. This delegation would be ongoing and would include the currently proposed Statement of Intent as well as future Statements of Intent. A Statement of Intent shall (1) set out a cost estimate for decommissioning, (2) indicate that the University will request funds from the State of Washington for decommissioning activities sufficient to cover the costs of decommissioning, and (3) request funds sufficiently in advance of decommissioning to prevent the delay of activities.

SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Christopher Keane, Vice President for Research

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: The State of Washington became an agreement state (as defined in 10 CFR 30.4) on November 16, 1966 as amended on January 7, 1982, at which time the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission provided for discontinuance of the regulatory authority of the Commission under Chapters 6, 7, and 8, Section 161 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended.

The state of Washington has regulatory oversight of users of radioactive materials as provided in Chapter 246-235 of the
Washington Administrative Code (WAC). WSU maintains a Radioactive Materials License which is issued by the State of Washington Department of Health (DOH). WSU currently is seeking to renew its Radioactive Materials License for a 10 year term. WAC 246-235-075 stipulates that licensees submit a decommissioning funding plan. The WAC requires that the decommissioning funding plan shall specify a funding mechanism, which applies to WSU as prescribed in WAC 246-235-075(4)(d), which states: “Statement of Intent. In the case of state or local government licensees, a statement of intent containing a cost estimate for decommissioning and indicating that funds for decommissioning will be obtained when necessary.”

The Statement of Intent herein proposed provides that WSU will request funds from the State of Washington for decommissioning activities associated with Radioactive Materials License # WN-C003-1 in accordance with WAC 246-235-075 when decommissioning becomes necessary.

A Decommissioning Funding Plan and Cost Estimate has been submitted and approved by the State of Washington DOH in conjunction with application for renewal of Radioactive Materials License WN-C003-1. The current decommissioning cost estimate is $3,380,000.
ATTN: Radioactive Materials Section  
   Washington Department of Health,  
   Office of Radiation Protection  
   P.O. Box 47827  
   Olympia, Washington 98504-7827  

RE: Washington State University  
   Radioactive Materials License WN-C003-1  
   Financial Assurance  

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Washington State University Board of Regents has authority and responsibility to request from the State of Washington funds for decommissioning activities associated with operations authorized under Radioactive Materials License WN-C003-1, issued by the State of Washington Department of Health, for the use of radioactive materials for the purposes of research, teaching and service. This authority is authorized by statute, and by statute this authority may be delegated.

Within this authority, and as authorized in the attached resolution of the Board of Regents, Washington State University, through its Board of Regents or designee, intends to request that funds be made available in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of decommissioning when decommissioning is initiated.

The current estimated cost of decommissioning is $3,380,000. WSU further intends to seek and obtain such funds sufficiently in advance of decommissioning to prevent delay of required activities.

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Elson S. Floyd, Ph.D.  
President
State of Washington  
County of _________  

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this ____ day of [insert month, year,] Elson S. Floyd

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Printed name: ____________________________

Notary Public in and for the state of Washington
My appointment expires: ___________________
WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Washington State University, by virtue of RCW 28B.10.528, has the authority to delegate by resolution to the President of the University, or designee, powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the Board by law and to enable the President or designee to act on behalf of the Board of Regents in matters relating to the administration and governance of the University; and

WHEREAS, THE Board of Regents is vested with the management of WSU, is responsible for the budget of WSU, and is authorized to request funding for WSU from the state legislature, by virtue of RCW 28B.30 and as elsewhere provided in statutory authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby delegates authority to the President of the University to issue and sign Statements of Intent, in support of the application for renewal or amendment of Radioactive Materials License WN-C003-1 for the University campuses and research stations listed on the license. A Statement of Intent shall (1) set out a cost estimate for decommissioning, (2) indicate that the University will request funds from the State of Washington for decommissioning activities sufficient to cover the costs of decommissioning, and (3) request funds sufficiently in advance of decommissioning to prevent the delay of activities.

Dated this 30th day of January, 2015.

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Chair of the Board of Regents

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Secretary of the Board of Regents