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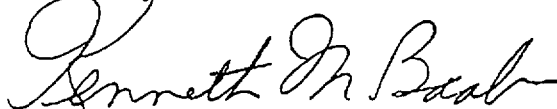
Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for speaking with me about the status of the responses to the Confirmatory Action Letter Number 1-01-008. Our understanding was that before the NRC would take action on approving the RSO and Authorized User amendment request, we had to address the deficiencies that were identified upon Mr. Thompson's site visit.

It was not our intent to take actions that would create further compliance problems. We believed that the matters related to byproduct materials were related to patient use. When Craig Czaplinski and I conferenced with Mr. Ruland and you on September 3, I inquired if our response to the CAL would be couched in what we intended to do, and our understanding of the response was, "no" – these matters had to be resolved before approvals would be given. Based on that understanding, we moved ahead to resolve all of the issues.

Again, we taking this process very seriously. We are working to get from under these problems, not create new ones. I trust that this explanation clears up our intent, and it is clear that nothing further will happen with any byproduct materials.

Sincerely,



Kenneth M. Baab
Vice President, Administration