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Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Chief, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff
Washington, DC 20555

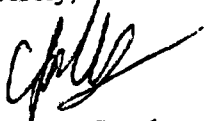
In the Matter of Mr. Chitranjan Patel
No. IA 02-019
Answer to Order Dated October 22, 2002 Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-
Licensed Activities

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am forwarding my Answer to the above-referenced Order. The Answer consents to the Order.

Please contact my attorney, Mark D. Aurand, Esquire at (610) 797-9000 with any questions or concerns regarding any of the foregoing. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Chitranjan Patel

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MR. CHITRANJAN PATEL) No. IA 02-019
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**ANSWER TO ORDER DATED OCTOBER 22, 2002 PROHIBITING
INVOLVEMENT IN NRC-LICENSED ACTIVITIES**

I. STATEMENT OF CHITRANJAN PATEL

1. One of the root causes of the licensee's failure to have an RSO/AU was the lack of a full understanding on my part of the role of the RSO and AU positions and the gravity of operating without them under the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") regulations. In my view, I did not act with knowing and deliberate disregard for these regulations.

2. Any false or misleading information provided to the pharmaceutical company or inaccurate information contained in the licensee's records derived from my understanding that the RSO/AU identified in the license application would serve as the RSO/AU. In my view, I did not act with knowing and deliberate intent to mislead anyone, including the NRC.

3. Licensee staff and I made every effort to make sure that the licensee complied with all safety requirements. There were no safety incidents involving patients at any time while licensee was providing licensed services.

4. Since the events summarized in the Order, I have gained a better understanding of the NRC requirements relating to the RSO and AU. I am committed to making sure that any licensed activities in which I am involved in the future are conducted in a manner that complies with NRC requirements.

II. CONSENT TO ORDER

I hereby consent to the Order and accept, and will abide by, the disposition described in Section V of the Order. I do not request a hearing with respect to the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 11-8-2002



Chitranjan Patel