

November **6,2003**

Chairman Nils J. **Diaz**
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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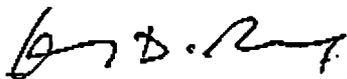
Dear Chairman Diaz:

I **am** writing on behalf of the more than **14,000** physicians, scientists, pharmacists and technologist members of the Society of Nuclear Medicine **to** commend the Commission's decision to modify the charter of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI).

The announcement of September **25**, posted by Andrew L. Bates, allowing the ACMUI to provide consultative services to the Director, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, is most welcome. **This** action is entirely consistent with the discussions that I participated in with Commissioners McGaffigan and Merrifield during the summer and the consultative services of the ACMUI should be of great value to you and the NRC staff.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Henry D. Royal, M.D.
President

Cc: Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr.
Commissioner Jeffrey Merrifield