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Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson
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Dear Chairman Jackson:

It has come to my attention that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is undergoing a process of revising its regulations to be more risk-based and performance oriented. The part of this process that is of concern to me involves revision of 10 CFR Part 35, which applies to the medical use of radioisotopes. While I commend the direction in which the commission is moving, some of my constituents in the radiology community are concerned about the trend that is reflected in early drafts of the revisions of Part 35 relating to the training and experience necessary to become licensed to use radioisotopes diagnostically.

The record of safe usage of radioisotopes compiled over many years under NRC licensure is a very good one. My constituents are concerned that, with the severe reduction in required training and experience under 10 CFR Part 35.100, 200, and 300, this record of safe usage will end and more incidents that jeopardize patient care will occur. I urge you to carefully consider the implications of the proposed rule changes before making your final decision.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me or Nina Owcharenko, of my staff, at (202) 225-1976.

Sincerely,

Sue Myrick
Member of Congress

cc: Charlotte Radiology