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February 9, 2005

Wilcox Memorial Hospital ATTN: Lee A. Evslin, M.D. President & CEO 3420 Kuhio Highway Lihue, Hawaii 96766

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF EXEMPTION FROM 10 CFR 35.433(a)

This letter responds to your letter dated August 19, 2003, requesting assistance in obtaining an exemption from 10 CFR 35.433(a) authorizing Mr. Philip Manly and Mr. Ronald Frick to perform decay calculations of strontium-90 sources used for ophthalmic treatments at the Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Based on the response to a April 26, 2004, technical assistance request (TAR) from the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, we are requesting additional information. This information, as discussed in our February 8, 2005, telephone call, is necessary for the NRC's Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) to perform a complete review of your training and experience.

Please note that your request did not provide sufficient information supporting the training and experience of Mr. Manly and Mr. Frick in radiological physics required by the ACMUI to assess each individual's experience in conducting decay calculations for strontium-90 ophthalmic sealed sources.

To ensure that the ACMUI is knowledgeable of experience and training of Messrs. Manly and Frick, we are requesting that you provide the following detailed information for each individual:

- 1. Outline the specific experience that involves performing decay calculations and reviewing ophthalmic treatment data to assure the times, source activities, and proposed dose calculations correspond to the delivered doses. To be complete, this information should include the number of decay calculations performed in the past, and dates and locations where decay calculations were performed.
- 2. List the total hours of training and experience specific to therapeutic modalities and specifically, strontium-90 ophthalmic sources.
- 3. Describe Mr. Manly's continuing education and experience specific to diagnostic modalities since being certified by the American Board of Health Physics. This information is necessary to ensure that Mr. Manly has satisfied the recentness of training requirements specified in 10 CFR 35.59.

Upon receipt of the above requested information, this information will be forwarded to NMSS in a new TAR to be considered in conjunction with the information previously submitted.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and we will expedite your request upon receipt of the above requested information.

Sincerely,

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