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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

September 22, 1999

Robert F. Carretta, M.D.
President, Society of Nuclear Medicine
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Dear Dr. Carretta:

I am responding to a letter dated September 3, 1999, that was jointly signed by you and Dr. James Woolfenden, President, American College of Nuclear Physicians. This letter cited the Society of Nuclear Medicine's and the American College of Nuclear Physicians' concerns with the Commission's program to revise Part 35, "Medical Use of Byproduct Material."

On August 3, 1999, the staff provided the Commission with draft final rule language for the revision of 10 CFR Part 35 and a summary of the public comments received on the proposed rule. On October 21, 1999, the staff is scheduled to brief the Commission on the draft final rule. This meeting is open to observation by the public. After that briefing, the Commission will complete its review of the staff's proposal. The Commission will carefully consider the draft final rule language in light of comments submitted by the Society of Nuclear Medicine, American College of Nuclear Physicians, and others. In addition, your letter will be docketed as a comment letter on the rulemaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William F. Kane", is written above the typed name.

William F. Kane, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

cc: James Woolfenden, M.D.