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Re: Mail Control No. 137226

Dear Mr. McKinley,

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Please allow this correspondence to serve as a response to your correspondence dated July 6, 2005, in which you requested further information about an application for amendment to NRC License No. 37-18104-01, Forbes Regional Hospital sent to you June 14, 2005.

a. Prior to July 1, 2005, The Western Pennsylvania Hospital (WPH) and Forbes Regional Hospital (FRH) were separate federally tax exempt Pennsylvania nonprofit corporations. The sole corporate member of both WPH and FRH was the West Penn Allegheny Health System, Inc. (WPAHS), also a federally tax exempt Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation.

FRH operated an acute care community hospital located at 2570 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA 15146 (the Forbes Regional Campus). WPH operates, among other health care services, a tertiary hospital located at 4800 Friendship Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224 (the West Penn Campus).

Effective July 1, 2005, FRH merged with and into WPH, with WPH as the surviving corporation and FRH ceasing to exist as a separate corporation, as part of an internal corporate reorganization. WPAHS remains the sole member of WPH. WPH is currently operating two separately licensed, acute care hospital campuses, one located at the West Penn Campus and one located at the Forbes Regional Campus. Each campus will continue to follow the radiation safety policies and procedures that were in place prior to the merger, including separate radiation safety officers and radiation safety committees.

b. The name of Forbes Regional Hospital has been changed to The Western Pennsylvania Hospital-Forbes Regional Campus. The individual whom the NRC may contact for information is:

M. Joseph Grennan, Jr., M.D.  
Vice President, Clinical Quality and Resource Management  
(412) 858-4505

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Please note that Dr. Grennan replaces Ms. Darlette Tice, the previous contact individual.

c. Other than the contact person, there has been no change in personnel or duties that relate to the licensed program.

d. There are no changes in the organization, location, facilities equipment or procedures that relate to the licensed program.

e. The status of the surveillance program is unchanged.

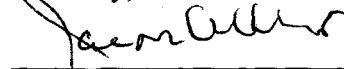
f. All departmental records related to the licensed program will remain in place as required.

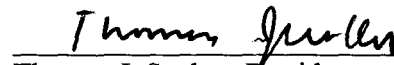
g. Not applicable. The licensed program is not being transferred. It will continue to operate under the constraints, conditions, requirements and commitments in effect prior to the merger.

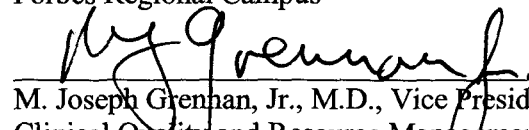
h. Not applicable.

We hope that this response satisfies the NRC's request for additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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James M. Collins, President and Chief Executive Officer  
The Western Pennsylvania Hospital

  
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Thomas J. Senker, President  
The Western Pennsylvania Hospital –  
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M. Joseph Grennan, Jr., M.D., Vice President,  
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cc: Stephen R. DeLong, M.D., Radiation Safety Officer,  
The Western Pennsylvania Hospital- Forbes Regional Campus