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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
Nuclear Materials Licensing – Medical Section
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, Pa. 19406-1415

Licensee: Geisinger Health System
License: #37-01421-01
Subject: NUREG-1556, Volume 15, Appendix F Notification

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August 16, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam,

Per the requirements of NUREG 1556, Volume 15, Appendix F, we are providing early notification of a proposed transfer of control of the NRC radioactive materials program identified below. Geisinger Health System Foundation has entered into an agreement with Catholic Healthcare Partners to purchase the assets and assume operation of Mercy Hospital Wilkes-Barre, under a newly formed corporation, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre. The preliminary closing date as listed in the agreement is September 1, 2005, but will likely change based on the completion of several pre-closing requirements, including approvals from the Pennsylvania Attorney General and licensing by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The options regarding the radioactive materials license are under consideration and once finalized, an amendment will be filed fully describing any changes in license status along with changes in personnel and the radiation safety program.

Transferor (seller):

Licensee: Mercy Hospital, 25 Church St. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18765
License #: 37-00897-01
Docket #: 030-02971

Transferee:

Licensee: Geisinger Health System, 100 N. Academy Ave., Danville, Pa. 17822-2900
License #: 37-01421-01
Docket #: 030-02984

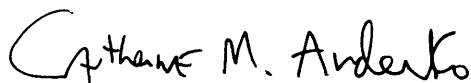
Other information as required by Appendix F:

1. Description of transaction: Change of ownership of hospital: transfer of property, facility, and assets, is planned for an unknown future date
2. Name change: Name will likely change; new name to be determined

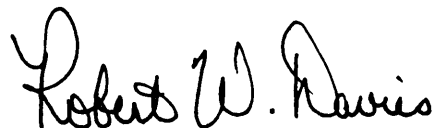
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3. Contact info for transferor: Gene Bassett, Administrator
Larry Lisnock, Director of Radiology (570) 826-3453
Samuel Payne, Radiation Safety Officer (570) 477-3925
4. Changes in personnel: No changes in personnel or duties are available at this time. The licensed Authorized Users will remain as listed on the current NRC license. The RSO will remain in service as listed until an amendment is filed and approved by the NRC, as necessary.
5. Changes in organization: No changes expected
6. Surveillance program: No changes expected. The existing radiation safety program as approved by NRC in amendment #35 will remain in force until such time that an amendment is approved by NRC, if necessary.
7. Records: The transferor has agreed to transfer or make available all records concerning facility decommissioning, surveys, and survey methods.
8. Transferee commitment: Transferee commits to abiding by all constraints, conditions, and requirements of the transferors licensed program, or will submit a complete description of the proposed licensed program for approval by NRC prior to initiating change.

Very Sincerely,
(on behalf of the Geisinger Health System),



Catherine M. Anderko
Director, Radiation Safety Officer
Geisinger Health System



Robert W. Davies
Vice President - System Services
Geisinger Health System

cc: Mr. Ronald Hamm, Chief, Radioactive Materials Licensing, State of Pa. DEP BRP
Rachel Carson Office Building, PO Box 8469, Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-8469

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application dated

8/16/2005, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

NOTIFICATION 37-01820-01
There were no administrative omissions. Your application was assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card

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