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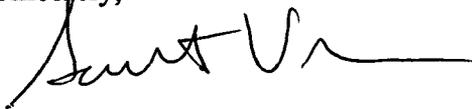
Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety & Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington DC 20555

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to the NRC document "Order Imposing Increased Controls (Effective Immediately)". Kootenai Medical Center, the licensee, is in compliance with Condition B.1. mentioned in the document. Compliance with any of the requirements listed isn't required because the hospital does not utilize the radionuclides of concern.

Kootenai Medical Center does use Y90, but very infrequently. The amount of Y90 utilized by the hospital is far under the quantity of concern mentioned in the document. The Y90 is also handled only by qualified, trained, nuclear medicine personnel, who are the only employees with access to the hot lab where it is stored.

Sincerely,



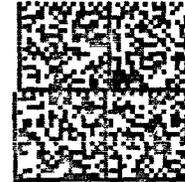
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