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MEMORANDUM TO: FILE

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 07003029/2006-001

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding the completion of Inspection No. 07003029 and starting a licensing action to terminate the license.

On December 4, 2006, Donna Janda, Health Physicist, RI attempted to contact the licensee for an update on the status of the implanted pacemaker. The phone number on file was used but was not answered. Ms. Janda sought assistance from Steven Courtemanche, Health Physicist, RI, the previous inspector who had made contact with the licensee. Internet sources were used to determine the phone numbers of relatives as indicated by Mr. Courtemanche. On December 6, 2006, it was determined that the licensee was deceased through internet sources. Keith Holloman, Radiation Safety Officer of Medtronic Corporation, the maker of the pacemaker, was contacted and informed of the death, on December 7, 2006. Mr. Holloman indicated that he would investigate the matter and determine the disposition of the pacemaker. On December 8, 2006, the licensee's next-of-kin confirmed that the hospital where the licensee expired knew of the pacemaker but was unsure of whether the pacemaker had been returned to the manufacturer. Mr. Holloman contacted Mr. Courtemanche, on December 11, 2006, and informed him that Medtronic of Canada possessed the pacemaker and was in the process of returning the pacemaker to his facility for storage.

Based on the above, Inspection No. 07003029/2006-001 may be closed with this memo to file. Also, a licensing action to terminate the above license may be opened.

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