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SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT

Please find enclosed Amendment No. 44 to NRC License No. 50-17838-01 **authorizing under condition 18.K., the relocation of the High Dose Rate (HDR) afterloader area of storage and use, and hot laboratory area, to the new Radiation Oncology facility at the Horizon Pavilion, Creekside Campus, as described in your letter dated April 18, 2007. In addition, this amendment also lists a Strontium-90 ophthalmic applicator that was last used for patient treatment on May 10, 2001. This applicator is being listed under condition 9.I., as in storage only and should not be used for medical treatment until an amendment is submitted to the NRC naming a proposed authorized user and proposed authorized medical physicist.**

As a reminder, you will need to prepare and submit to the NRC a Final Status Survey (FSS) report for the current HDR area of storage and use, and hot laboratory area, when you vacate it. Your survey should be performed in accordance with 10 CFR Part 30.36. For the hot laboratory, you should identify your swipe test results in terms of disintegrations per minute rather than counts per minute. Key the results to specific points on a facility diagram. Indicate the detection equipment that was used to assay the wipes, the method used to calibrate this equipment, the date of calibration, and specific calculations of instrument sensitivity. For the HDR room, you need to submit the latest copy of the leak test result. Upon receipt of a satisfactory FSS report, we will issue an amendment to your license that will authorize the release of these areas for unrestricted use.

An environmental assessment for the action described in the first paragraph is not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(iv). You should review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any questions, please contact me at 817-860-8189.

NRC's Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2005-31, provides criteria to identify security-related sensitive information and guidance for handling and marking of such documents. This ensures that potentially sensitive information is not made publicly available through ADAMS. The RIS may be located on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2005/>. Pursuant to NRC's RIS 2005-31, the enclosed materials license will not be made publicly available.

NRC expects licensees to conduct their programs with meticulous attention to detail and a high standard of compliance. Because of the serious consequences to employees and the public that can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, you must conduct your radiation safety program according to the conditions of your NRC license, representations made in your license application, and NRC regulations. In particular, note that you must:

1. Operate by NRC regulations 10 CFR Part 19, "Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers: Inspection and Investigations," 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," and other applicable regulations.
2. Notify NRC in writing of any change in mailing address.
3. In accordance with 10 CFR 30.36(d), notify NRC, promptly, in writing within 60 days, and request termination of the license:
 - a. When you decide to terminate all activities involving materials authorized under the license whether at the entire site or any separate building or outdoor area;
 - b. If you decide not to acquire or possess and use authorized material; or
 - c. When no principal activities under the license have been conducted for a period of 24 months.
4. In accordance with 10 CFR 35.14, notify the NRC no later than 30 days after:
 - a. The date that the licensee permits an individual to work as an authorized user, an authorized nuclear pharmacist or an authorized medical physicist under 10 CFR 35.13(b)(1) through (b)(4);
 - b. An authorized user, an authorized nuclear pharmacist, a Radiation Safety Officer, or an authorized medical physicist permanently discontinues duties under the license or has a name change;
 - c. The licensee's mailing address changes;
 - d. The licensee's name changes, but the name change does not constitute a transfer of control of the license as described in 10 CFR 30.34(b); or
 - e. The licensee has added to or changed the areas of use identified in the application or on the license where byproduct material is used in accordance with either 35.100 or 35.200.
5. Request and obtain a license amendment before you:
 - a. Change Radiation Safety Officers;
 - b. Order byproduct material in excess of the amount, radionuclide or form authorized on the license;

- c. Add or change the areas or address(es) of use identified in the license application or on the license, except for areas of use where byproduct material is used only in accordance with either 10 CFR 35.100 or 35.200; or
 - d. Change the name or ownership of your organization.
6. Submit a complete renewal application or termination request at least 30 days before the expiration date on your license. You will receive a reminder notice approximately 90 days before the expiration date. Possession of radioactive material after your license expires is a violation of NRC regulations.

NRC will periodically inspect your radiation safety program. Failure to conduct your program according to NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC may result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation; imposition of a civil penalty; or an order suspending, modifying, or revoking your license as specified in the NRC Enforcement Policy. The NRC Enforcement Policy is available on the following internet address:
<http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/enforcement/enforc-pol.pdf>.

The NRC no longer publishes the NRC Rules and Regulations loose leaf supplements. However, an electronic version of the NRC's regulations is available on the NRC Web site at www.nrc.gov. To view these regulations, highlight "Electronic Reading Room" and choose "Regulations" on the drop down menu. An electronic version of the NUREG-1556 Series publications is also available on the NRC Web site. To view these guidance documents, highlight "Electronic Reading Room," choose "All Collections" on the drop down menu; choose "NUREGS (NRC Reports)" and select "Publications Prepared by the NRC Staff." Then, choose "NUREG-1556" from the table and select the appropriate volume(s) for your license type.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated