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RE: DOCKET NRC-2008-0419; NOMINATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Federal Register Notice in Vol. 73, No. 148, Thursday, July 31, 2008 for the referenced docket “Request for Comments on the Security and Continued Use of Cesium-137 Chloride Sources and Notice of Public Meeting,” the Health Physics Society (HPS) is nominating me, Richard E. Toohey, President, for participation in the roundtable discussion on 29-30 September 2008.

The HPS, www.hps.org, is a nonprofit scientific professional organization of approximately 5000 members whose mission is excellence in the science and practice of radiation safety. Society members are involved in understanding, evaluating, and controlling the potential risks from radiation relative to the benefits, and we represent a significant number of the radiation safety officers for the cesium-137 chloride sources that are the subject of this roundtable discussion. The HPS has had a position on the use of alternative technologies in place of radioactive sources since April 2000, including a position on a regulatory system to implement alternative technology evaluation and use where applicable.

I may be contacted at the address, numbers and email given in the letterhead above.

I look forward to your notification of my participation on behalf of the members of the HPS in the roundtable discussion.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Toohey, PhD, CHP