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SUBJECT: Response to NRC email dated August 7, 2008 (reference amendment request lic. No. 06-00854-03, docket no. 030-01246)

Dear Ms. Weidner,

I am writing this letter in response to your August 7 email in regards to our amendment request dated June 6, 2008. Your questions/comments are listed below in italics, each followed by a response.

- 1. You requested that the Depleted Uranium (DU) be removed from your license because it is no longer possessed by the hospital. Your license states that the DU was shielding in a linear accelerator. The NRC has become aware of a number of instances where linear accelerators containing DU were transferred to organizations that were not authorized to possess DU. Therefore, please specify who the linear accelerator was transferred to and provide documentation that authorizes their possession of DU.*

Please disregard this part of the amendment request at this time.

- 2. In order to remove Carbon 14 and Calcium 45 from your license, (and to make the decommissioning of the site easier in the future) please specify where these materials were used, provide surveys indicating that no radioactive contamination due to these isotopes is present and verify that you do not possess any of these materials in storage, including waste.*

Please disregard this part of the amendment request. We will collect the required information on locations of use, perform necessary surveys, and make a future request for removal of these radionuclides at a later date.

- 3. Finally, the request to add Dr. Zink as an authorized user of 35.100; 35.200; and 35.300 materials. First, we are not currently authorizing any physicians for all of 35.300*

materials, unless they are currently listed on another license for those materials. The reason being is that there are not any materials currently approved for the fourth group (parenteral administration of any other radionuclide, for which a written directive is required). Therefore, Dr. Zink could qualify for 35.392; 35.394; and 35.396. Based on the documentation provided [ABR certificate, NRC Form 313A(AUD), and NRC Form 313A(AUT)], Dr. Zink could be listed on the license for 35.100; 35.392; and 35.394, if

- a. The Second Section of the Form 313A(AUD) was completed and signed by a preceptor listed on an NRC or Agreement State license, and
- b. The following sections of the Form 313A(AUT) were complete; (1) Part I, 3.b. and 3.c., indicate the license number of the supervising individual; (2) Part I, 3.c. indicate the number of cases of oral administration of sodium iodide requiring a written directive, for less than and greater than 33 millicuries; (3) Part II, first Section complete the attestation for 35.392 and 35.394; and (4) complete Part II, Fifth Section.

Please find the attached revised NRC 313A(AUT) and 313A(AUD) Forms for Dr. Zink. St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center is requesting that Dr. Zink be added to the license as an authorized user for 35.100, 35.200, sodium iodide I-131 oral administration for quantities greater than and less than 1.22 GBq (35.392 and 35.394).

If you have questions regarding this response, the revised NRC Form 313As, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-714-5925.

Sincerely,



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NRC FORM 313A (AUD) (10-2007)	U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION	APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0120 EXPIRES: 10/31/2008
AUTHORIZED USER TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AND PRECEPTOR ATTESTATION (for uses defined under 35.100, 35.200, and 35.500) [10 CFR 35.190, 35.290, and 35.590]		

Name of Proposed Authorized User Stephen Zink	State or Territory Where Licensed Connecticut
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Requested Authorization(s) (check all that apply)

35.100 Uptake, dilution, and excretion studies

35.200 Imaging and localization studies

35.500 Sealed sources for diagnosis (specify device _____)

PART I -- TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE
 (Select one of the three methods below)

* Training and Experience, including board certification, must have been obtained within the 7 years preceding the date of application or the individual must have obtained related continuing education and experience since the required training and experience was completed. Provide dates, duration, and description of continuing education and experience related to the uses checked above.

- 1. Board Certification**
- a. Provide a copy of the board certification.
 - b. If using only 35.500 materials, stop here. If using 35.100 and 35.200 materials, skip to and complete Part II Preceptor Attestation.
- 2. Current 35.390 Authorized User Seeking Additional 35.290 Authorization**
- a. Authorized user on Materials License _____ meeting 10 CFR 35.390 or equivalent Agreement State requirements seeking authorization for 35.290.
 - b. Supervised Work Experience.
 (If more than one supervising individual is necessary to document supervised work experience, provide multiple copies of this section.)

Description of Experience	Location of Experience/License or Permit Number of Facility	Clock Hours	Dates of Experience*
Eluting generator systems appropriate for the preparation of radioactive drugs for imaging and localization studies, measuring and testing the eluate for radionuclidic purity, and processing the eluate with reagent kits to prepare labeled radioactive drugs			

Total Hours of Experience:

Supervising Individual	License/Permit Number listing supervising individual as an authorized user
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Supervisor meets the requirements below, or equivalent Agreement State requirements (check all that apply).

35.290 35.390 + generator experience in 32.290(c)(1)(ii)(G)

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3. Training and Experience for Proposed Authorized User

a. Classroom and Laboratory Training.

Description of Training	Location of Training	Clock Hours	Dates of Training*
Radiation physics and instrumentation			
Radiation protection			
Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity			
Chemistry of byproduct material for medical use (not required for 35.590)			
Radiation biology			

Total Hours of Training:

**b. Supervised Work Experience (completion of this table is not required for 35.590).
(If more than one supervising individual is necessary to document supervised work experience, provide multiple copies of this section.)**

Supervised Work Experience		Total Hours of Experience:	
Description of Experience Must Include:	Location of Experience/License or Permit Number of Facility	Confirm	Dates of Experience*
Ordering, receiving, and unpacking radioactive materials safely and performing the related radiation surveys		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Performing quality control procedures on instruments used to determine the activity of dosages and performing checks for proper operation of survey meters		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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3. Training and Experience for Proposed Authorized User (continued)

b. Supervised Work Experience. (continued)

Description of Experience Must Include:	Location of Experience/License or Permit Number of Facility	Confirm	Dates of Experience*
Calculating, measuring, and safely preparing patient or human research subject dosages		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Using administrative controls to prevent a medical event involving the use of unsealed byproduct material		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Using procedures to contain spilled byproduct material safely and using proper decontamination procedures		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Administering dosages of radioactive drugs to patients or human research subjects		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Eluting generator systems appropriate for the preparation of radioactive drugs for imaging and localization studies, measuring and testing the eluate for radionuclidic purity, and processing the eluate with reagent kits to prepare labeled radioactive drugs		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Supervising Individual	License/Permit Number listing supervising individual as an authorized user
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Supervisor meets the requirements below, or equivalent Agreement State requirements (check one).

- 35.190 35.290 35.390 35.390 + generator experience in 35.290(c)(1)(ii)(G)

c. For 35.590 only, provide documentation of training on use of the device.

Device	Type of Training	Location and Dates

d. For 35.500 uses only, stop here. For 35.100 and 35.200 uses, skip to and complete Part II Preceptor Attestation.

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PART II - PRECEPTOR ATTESTATION

Note: This part must be completed by the individual's preceptor. The preceptor does not have to be the supervising individual as long as the preceptor provides, directs, or verifies training and experience required. If more than one preceptor is necessary to document experience, obtain a separate preceptor statement from each. (Not required to meet training requirements in 35.590)

By checking the boxes below, the preceptor is attesting that the individual has knowledge to fulfill the duties of the position sought and not attesting to the individual's "general clinical competency."

First Section

Check one of the following for each use requested:

For 35.190

Board Certification

I attest that Stephen Zink has satisfactorily completed the requirements in
Name of Proposed Authorized User

10 CFR 35.190(a)(1) and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for the medical uses authorized under 10 CFR 35.100.

OR

Training and Experience

I attest that _____ has satisfactorily completed the 60 hours of training and
Name of Proposed Authorized User

experience, including a minimum of 8 hours of classroom and laboratory training, required by 10 CFR 35.190(c)(1), and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for the medical uses authorized under 10 CFR 35.100.

For 35.290

Board Certification

I attest that Stephen Zink has satisfactorily completed the requirements in
Name of Proposed Authorized User

10 CFR 35.290(a)(1) and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for the medical uses authorized under 10 CFR 35.100 and 35.200.

OR

Training and Experience

I attest that _____ has satisfactorily completed the 700 hours of training
Name of Proposed Authorized User

and experience, including a minimum of 80 hours of classroom and laboratory training, required by 10 CFR 35.290(c)(1), and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for the medical uses authorized under 10 CFR 35.100 and 35.200.

Second Section

Complete the following for preceptor attestation and signature:

I meet the requirements below, or equivalent Agreement State requirements, as an authorized user for:

- 35.190
- 35.290
- 35.390
- 35.390 + generator experience

Name of Preceptor	Signature	Telephone Number	Date
James Slavin, Jr, M.D	<i>James D. Slavin</i>		8/29/08
License/Permit Number/Facility Name			
06-00854-03, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center			

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Name of Proposed Authorized User Stephen Zink	State or Territory Where Licensed Connecticut
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Requested Authorization(s) (check all that apply):

35.300 Use of unsealed byproduct material for which a written directive is required

OR

35.300 Oral administration of sodium iodide I-131 requiring a written directive in quantities less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)

35.300 Oral administration of sodium iodide I-131 requiring a written directive in quantities greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)

35.300 Parenteral administration of any beta-emitter, or photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 keV for which a written directive is required

35.300 Parenteral administration of any other radionuclide for which a written directive is required

PART I -- TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE
(Select one of the three methods below)

* Training and Experience, including board certification, must have been obtained within the 7 years preceding the date of application or the individual must have related continuing education and experience since the required training and experience was completed. Provide dates, duration, and description of continuing education and experience related to the uses checked above.

1. Board Certification

a. Provide a copy of the board certification.

b. For 35.390, provide documentation on supervised clinical case experience. The table in section 3.c. may be used to document this experience.

c. For 35.396, provide documentation on classroom and laboratory training, supervised work experience, and supervised clinical case experience. The tables in sections 3.a., 3.b., and 3.c. may be used to document this experience.

d. Skip to and complete Part II Preceptor Attestation.

2. Current 35.300, 35.400, or 35.600 Authorized User Seeking Additional Authorization

a. Authorized User on Materials License _____ under the requirements below or equivalent Agreement State requirements (check all that apply):

35.390 35.392 35.394 35.490 35.690

b. If currently authorized for a subset of clinical uses under 35.300, provide documentation on additional required supervised case experience. The table in section 3.c. may be used to document this experience. Also provide completed Part II Preceptor Attestation.

c. If currently authorized under 35.490 or 35.690 and requesting authorization for 35.396, provide documentation on classroom and laboratory training, supervised work experience, and supervised clinical case experience. The tables in sections 3.a., 3.b., and 3.c. may be used to document this experience. Also provide completed Part II Preceptor Attestation.

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3. Training and Experience for Proposed Authorized User

a. Classroom and Laboratory Training 35.390 35.392 35.394 35.396

Description of Training	Location of Training	Clock Hours	Dates of Training*
Radiation physics and instrumentation			
Radiation protection			
Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity			
Chemistry of byproduct material for medical use			
Radiation biology			
Total Hours of Training:			

b. Supervised Work Experience 35.390 35.392 35.394 35.396

If more than one supervising individual is necessary to document supervised training, provide multiple copies of this page.

Supervised Work Experience		Total Hours of Experience:	
Description of Experience Must Include:	Location of Experience/License or Permit Number of Facility	Confirm	Dates of Experience*
Ordering, receiving, and unpacking radioactive materials safely and performing the related radiation surveys		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Performing quality control procedures on instruments used to determine the activity of dosages and performing checks for proper operation of survey meters		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Calculating, measuring, and safely preparing patient or human research subject dosages		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Using administrative controls to prevent a medical event involving the use of unsealed byproduct material		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Using procedures to contain spilled byproduct material safely and using proper decontamination procedures		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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3. Training and Experience for Proposed Authorized User (continued)

b. Supervised Work Experience (continued)

Supervising Individual	License/Permit Number listing supervising individual as an authorized user
Supervising individual meets the requirements below, or equivalent Agreement State requirements (<i>check all that apply</i>)**:	
<input type="checkbox"/> 35.390	With experience administering dosages of:
<input type="checkbox"/> 35.392	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral NaI-131 requiring a written directive in quantities less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)
<input type="checkbox"/> 35.394	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral NaI-131 in quantities greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)
<input type="checkbox"/> 35.396	<input type="checkbox"/> Parenteral administration of beta-emitter, or photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 keV requiring a written directive is required
	<input type="checkbox"/> Parenteral administration of any other radionuclide requiring a written directive
** Supervising Authorized User must have experience in administering dosages in the same dosage category or categories as the individual requesting authorized user status.	

c. Supervised Clinical Case Experience

If more than one supervising individual is necessary to document supervised work experience, provide multiple copies of this page.

Description of Experience	Number of Cases Involving Personal Participation	Location of Experience/License or Permit Number of Facility	Dates of Experience*
Oral administration of sodium iodide I-131 requiring a written directive in quantities less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)	3+	Hartford Hospital 80 Seymour Street Hartford, CT 06102 06-00253-04	7/1/2003 - 6/30/2007
Oral administration of sodium iodide I-131 requiring a written directive in quantities greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)	3+	Hartford Hospital 80 Seymour Street Hartford, CT 06102 06-00253-04	7/1/2003 - 6/30/2007
Parenteral administration of any beta-emitter, or photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 keV for which a written directive is required			
Parenteral administration of any other radionuclide for which a written directive is required			
(List radionuclides)			

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3. Training and Experience for Proposed Authorized User (continued)

c. Supervised Clinical Case Experience (continued)

Supervising Individual	License/Permit Number listing supervising individual as an authorized user
Ronald Rosenberg	06-00253-04
Supervising individual meets the requirements below, or equivalent Agreement State requirements (check all that apply)**:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35.390	With experience administering dosages of:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35.392	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral NaI-131 requiring a written directive in quantities less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)
<input type="checkbox"/> 35.394	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral NaI-131 in quantities greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)
<input type="checkbox"/> 35.396	<input type="checkbox"/> Parenteral administration of beta-emitter, or photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 keV requiring a written directive is required
	<input type="checkbox"/> Parenteral administration of any other radionuclide requiring a written directive
** Supervising Authorized User must have experience in administering dosages in the same dosage category or categories as the individual requesting authorized user status.	

d. Provide completed Part II Preceptor Attestation.

PART II - PRECEPTOR ATTESTATION

Note: This part must be completed by the individual's preceptor. The preceptor does not have to be the supervising individual as long as the preceptor provides, directs, or verifies training and experience required. If more than one preceptor is necessary to document experience, obtain a separate preceptor statement from each.

By checking the boxes below, the preceptor is attesting that the individual has knowledge to fulfill the duties of the position sought and not attesting to the individual's "general clinical competency."

First Section

Check one of the following for each requested authorization:

For 35.390:

Board Certification

I attest that Stephen Zink has satisfactorily completed the training and experience requirements in 35.390(a)(1).
Name of Proposed Authorized User

OR

Training and Experience

I attest that _____ has satisfactorily completed the 700 hours of training and experience, including a minimum of 200 hours of classroom and laboratory training, as required by 10 CFR 35.390 (b)(1).
Name of Proposed Authorized User

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AUTHORIZED USER TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AND PRECEPTOR ATTESTATION (continued)**Preceptor Attestation (continued)****First Section (continued)****For 35.392 (Identical Attestation Statement Regardless of Training and Experience Pathway):**

I attest that Stephen Zink has satisfactorily completed the 80 hours of classroom
Name of Proposed Authorized User

and laboratory training, as required by 10 CFR 35.392(c)(1), and the supervised work and clinical case experience required in 35.392(c)(2).

For 35.394 (Identical Attestation Statement Regardless of Training and Experience Pathway):

I attest that Stephen Zink has satisfactorily completed the 80 hours of classroom
Name of Proposed Authorized User

and laboratory training, as required by 10 CFR 35.394 (c)(1), and the supervised work and clinical case experience required in 35.394(c)(2).

Second Section

I attest that Stephen Zink has satisfactorily completed the required clinical case
Name of Proposed Authorized User

experience required in 35.390(b)(1)(ii)G listed below:

- Oral NaI-131 requiring a written directive in quantities less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)
- Oral NaI-131 in quantities greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)
- Parenteral administration of beta-emitter, or photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 keV requiring a written directive is required
- Parenteral administration of any other radionuclide requiring a written directive

Third Section

I attest that Stephen Zink has satisfactorily achieved a level of competency to
Name of Proposed Authorized User

function independently as an authorized user for:

- Oral NaI-131 requiring a written directive in quantities less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)
- Oral NaI-131 in quantities greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)
- Parenteral administration of beta-emitter, or photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 keV requiring a written directive is required
- Parenteral administration of any other radionuclide requiring a written directive

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Fourth Section

For 35.396:**Current 35.490 or 35.690 authorized user:**

I attest that _____ is an authorized user under 10 CFR 35.490 or 35.690

Name of Proposed Authorized User

or equivalent Agreement State requirements, has satisfactorily completed the 80 hours of classroom and laboratory training, as required by 10 CFR 35.396 (d)(1), and the supervised work and clinical case experience required by 35.396(d)(2), and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for:

Parenteral administration of any beta-emitter, or photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 keV for which a written directive is required

Parenteral administration of any other radionuclide for which a written directive is required

OR

Board Certification:

I attest that _____ has satisfactorily completed the board certification

Name of Proposed Authorized User

requirements of 35.396(c), has satisfactorily completed the 80 hours of classroom and laboratory training required by 10 CFR 35.396 (d)(1) and the supervised work and clinical case experience required by 35.396(d)(2), and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for:

Parenteral administration of any beta-emitter, or photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 keV for which a written directive is required

Parenteral administration of any other radionuclide for which a written directive is required

Fifth Section

Complete the following for preceptor attestation and signature:

I meet the requirements below, or equivalent Agreement State requirements, as an authorized user for:

35.390

35.392

35.394

35.396

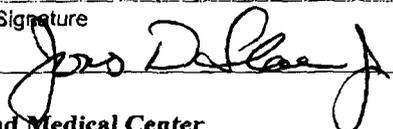
I have experience administering dosages in the following categories for which the proposed Authorized User is requesting authorization.

Oral NaI-131 requiring a written directive in quantities less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)

Oral NaI-131 in quantities greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries)

Parenteral administration of beta-emitter, or photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 keV requiring a written directive is required

Parenteral administration of any other radionuclide requiring a written directive

Name of Preceptor James Slavin, Jr., M.D.	Signature 	Telephone Number	Date 8/29/08
License/Permit Number/Facility Name 06-00854-03, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center			